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## Guest Essay

### Investing in our future

*The formation of the Illinois Young Birders Club*

Throughout the better part of the last two years, the IOS board has been discussing the idea of starting a birding club for young people in Illinois. As a new board member at the time, I was trying to find ways for IOS to get more involved in serving our younger members when I read about a new birding club in Ohio called the Ohio Young Birders Club. After some more research, I became convinced that a similar club was needed in the Land of Lincoln. Since then, IOS has talked with lawyers, insurance agents, other state birding groups and several young birders from other states – all the time learning more about how best to form a young birders club here in Illinois.

As a result of our efforts and patience, IOS is proud to announce the formation of the Illinois Young Birders Club.

The formation of a club specifically directed at young people on a statewide level first began in Ohio. The Ohio Young Birders Club, headed by Kim Kaufman, began in May of 2006. You can learn more about this group by visiting their website at www.ohioyoungbirders.org. New York State also has a flourishing club for young birders. The New York State Young Birders Club can be visited at www.nysyoungbirders.org. Both of these clubs, and more specifically Kim and Kenn Kaufman, Carena Pooth and Hope Batcheller, have been incredibly helpful throughout the past two years. IOS thanks them all as well as Eddie Callaway and Dan Brady for their help with the Website and Peter Weber for the use of his photographs.

There are also more recent Young Birders Clubs in Pennsylvania and Indiana.

IOS believes that providing a centralized community for young birders is an investment not only in our children, but also in the future of our birding community at large.

The club has been formed for the benefit of birders ages 9 to 18 living in Illinois who want to meet fellow birders their age. Not only will they go on field trips with expert guides throughout Illinois, but members will also play a large part in planning the future success of this club. We are looking for charter members to help with the creation of the club. They will be able to help design a website and official logo, elect the youth advisory board, plan field trips, show off artwork and photos, write field trip reports, create a quarterly newsletter and interact with the larger birding community in Illinois. We will also introduce members to possible career paths involving birds if they so wish. We also hope to have our own yearly convention where members could be the keynote speakers. The annual membership fee is only $10.

Adults and other birding and nature organizations are also invited to be a part of Illinois Young Birders by becoming a supporting member at $20 per year or a partner organization at $50 per year.

Please visit the website www.illinoisyoungbirders.org and click the tab that says how to join to learn more. The funds that we bring in from supporting Members and partners will be vital in our growth, especially in the first few years.

The Illinois Young Birders Club mission right now is simply to grow members and provide the statewide community for young birders in Illinois. I'm hopeful that we can start planning field trips and putting out a newsletter sometime in summer or fall. With time, IOS is confident that we can have one of the top Young Birders Clubs in the country.

*— Brian Herriott, IOS board member*

## Letter from the Editor

***Young Birder wins contest, has his own show...***

Like most youngsters, Nandu Dubey, a 12-year-old from Grayslake, admires famous athletes, singers and actors. But his No. 1 hero is Roger Tory Peterson, the artist and naturalist who brought birding to the people.

Dubey, who has been drawing birds since he was 4 years old, is a featured artist at Volo Bog State Natural Area in Ingleside, Illinois; where more than 70 of his color drawings are being displayed through June 30. A reception is being held from 1 to 2:30 p.m. on June 13.

Nandu is one of many young birders in the state who are revealing their passion for this hobby in many ways. Now they have a club to join to share their love of birds, thanks to Brian Herriott and the Illinois Ornithological Society.

"Nandu enjoys being outdoors and especially pays attention to the birds," said his mother, Anima Dubey. He began drawing when his kindergarten teacher had her students draw and write in a journal. Nandu often drew birds along with his family members.

To encourage his love of birds and art, Anima bought him colored pencils to augment his crayon drawings with finer details.

Nandu began identifying birds by sight when he was still in kindergarten. The sharp eyes of a 6-year-old were able to recognize a little duck as not being the familiar mallard.

"The family had to go shopping for a bird book, a Peterson Field Guide, and we discovered the little duck to be a pied-billed grebe," said Anima. "It was the Peterson's Field Guide that hooked Nandu on identifying and drawing birds."

Her son now owns about 25 bird books plus several bird song CDs. These resources help him with his drawings, but he also spends dozens of hours each month watching birds in the nearby wilds.

"My favorite birding places are Volo Bog and Rollins Savanna," Nandu said. Rollins Savanna, a Lake County Forest Preserve, is in walking distance from his home. One of the birds in the grasslands there is the eastern meadowlark, which is the subject of one of his drawings at the art show, and pictured on this page.

This spring, his drawing of a king eider was chosen as the first place winner in the 4th-6th grade category of the 2010 Illinois Junior Duck Stamp competition.

IOS is thrilled to start the Illinois Young Birders Club and proud of the accomplishments of young birders like Nandu Dubey.

Sheryl DeVore

*Eastern Meadowlark drawing by Nandu Dubey.*


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Peter Olson drew the cover featuring Sandhill Cranes and young to complement Jeffrey Fox's article on research he is doing on the species in Illinois. Olson is the assistant director of the Northern Illinois University Art Museum in DeKalb, and an accomplished artist with works featured at the prestigious Birds In Art exhibition held in Wisconsin.


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# Sandhill Crane colt survival in northeastern Illinois

*By Jeffrey Fox*

Birders in northeastern Illinois may have noticed more breeding Sandhill Cranes (*Grus canadensis tabida*) in the past two decades. In fact, from 1980 to 2005, the population of Sandhill Cranes in Illinois rose 33.3 percent annually (Ward, unpub. data). Before 1979, the number of breeding Sandhill Cranes in Illinois was nil. The species had been extirpated circa 1890 (Meine & Archibald 1996). In the 1930s the nearest remnant population consisted of 25 breeding pairs in Wisconsin (Henika 1936).

What explains the extirpation of this wetland- and grassland-dependent species from Illinois?

Overhunting and lax game laws combined with extensive losses of wetland and grassland habitats were likely the dominant factors contributing to the extirpation of breeding Sandhill Cranes in Illinois. Breeding numbers for this species in nearby Wisconsin and Minnesota were likely at least as high as in Illinois in the 19th century, and both of these states lost nearly all their breeding cranes (Roberts 1932, Robbins 1991), though they did not lose as much breeding and wetland habitat compared with Illinois—99.9 percent of the state's 21,992,379 acres of tallgrass prairie and 85 percent of its 8,212,000 acres of wetlands have been lost since 1800 (Dahl 1990; Sampson and Knopf 1994). These habitats were supplanted by aggressive agricultural expansion throughout the 19th and 20th centuries. In light of this trend and concurrent hunting pressures of the late 19th century, it is no mystery why a wetland-and grassland-dependent species such as the Sandhill Crane was extirpated from the state.

How can the cranes' return to Illinois and rapid population increase be explained?

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*All crane photos by Jeffrey Fox.*

Habitat conversion has typically progressed unabated. Agricultural ambitions have been surpassed by urban/suburban sprawl, facilitating both the conversion of established agricultural lands and the natural habitats that have, thus far, escaped direct agricultural development. For decades this trend has characterized northeastern Illinois, where 22 percent (283,500 acres) of the state's extant wetlands occur (IDNR 2009). Subsequently, native wetland bird populations are in near-universal decline (Table 1). It is ironic that this is also where the largest concentration and focal point of population expansion for the cranes in Illinois occur. How a species that preferentially nests in wetlands appears to be thriving where sympatric avian species are generally declining is unclear.

The study's goal was to explore potential mechanisms behind the apparent success of Sandhill Cranes in northeastern Illinois. The current population of cranes in Wisconsin is 15,000-20,000 (Su et al 2004) – which is both astounding in terms of population recovery from the historic low of the 1930s and the probable source of cranes returning to Illinois in 1979. But are dispersing juveniles from the fringes of an increasing (6.8 percent per year) Wisconsin population (BBS 2007) the primary source of Illinois' increase? Or, in light of observed philopatric behaviors (Tacha et al. 1992), are colts hatched, fledged, and recruited from within northeastern Illinois responsible for the observed population increase?

The inherent difficulty and cost of coordinating captures of adult cranes led us to pursue the latter. Moreover, addressing this question

Brad Semel, a biologist with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, handles a colt during land surveys in 2009.

Colts were banded in northeastern Illinois as part of Jeffrey Fox's research, which was funded in part by the Illinois Ornithological Society.

generated opportunities to study the influence of northeastern Illinois' urban/suburban-rural land-use gradient on colt survival and growth. Additionally, birds could be captured prior to the fledgling stage (approximately 67 days) (Tacha et al. 1992) and banded, allowing us to determine survival rates from the fledgling stage to independence and dispersal from natal ranges in the subsequent breeding season. These methods may also permit a prolonged study of recruitment and life-history traits within the region.

## Research methods:

Annual breeding surveys coordinated by the International Crane Foundation, aerial surveys via helicopter, field observations, and anecdotal reports aided in locating breeding pairs and nest sites in Lake and McHenry Counties, Illinois. Researchers began monitoring nests in mid-April to determine nest status. Once colts hatched and demonstrated precocial behavior they were monitored until captures could be conducted as safely and unobtrusively as possible.

Captured colts were placed into cloth bags to reduce stimuli. Plumage condition, mass, and leg measurements were recorded. These values also permitted approximation of age for colts with unknown hatch dates.

Radio transmitters with masses less than 5 percent of the mean mass for *G.c. tabida* hatchlings (approximately 114.2g) (Tacha et al. 1992) were affixed to colts at the mid-scapular region via fabric backpacks and non-toxic waterproof eyelash adhesive. Backpacks resembled plumage color, and their presence was universally ignored by their hosts, siblings, and adults. Duration of capture-tagging protocols was approximately 10 minutes and 100 percent of colts were confirmed rejoining their parents post-release. Recaptures were conducted to establish growth curves and reinforce transmitter-backpack attachment.

Colt status (i.e. dead or alive), location, and family unit activities were recorded every 48 to 72 hours. Efforts were made to rotate detection schedules and establish chronological patterns of behavior and location. The remains of deceased birds were collected when possible for future analyses. Final recaptures involved permanent banding and blood-draws in coordination with the International Crane Foundation. Data were analyzed via program MARK and ArcGIS v.9.3.

| Species | Population Trend | P value |
|---|---|---|
| Common Moorhen | - 19.5%* | <0.01 |
| American Coot | - 15.2%* | 0.01 |
| Black Tern | - 12.3%* | <0.01 |
| Blue-winged Teal | - 8.5%* | <0.01 |
| Sora | - 7.8%* | 0.01 |
| Least Bittern | -7.7%* | 0.05 |
| Yellow-headed Blackbird | - 7.7%* | <0.01 |
| Ruddy Duck | -4.6% | 0.66 |
| Pied-billed Grebe | -2.9% | 0.15 |
| Virginia Rail | -2.4% | 0.33 |
| Mute Swan | + 19.5%* | <0.01 |
| Sandhill Crane | + 33.3%* | 0.02 |

**Table 1:** Population trends of wetland-dependent birds in northeastern Illinois from 1980 to 2005 (Ward, unpublished data).

## Results and discussion:

Forty-seven colts have been captured and tracked since beginning research in May of 2008 (Table 2). Mortality was confirmed for six of eight in 2008 and 16 of 39 in 2009. The fates of five colts in 2009 are unknown. Anecdotal observations and known predator feeding

**Figure 1:** Survival Rates

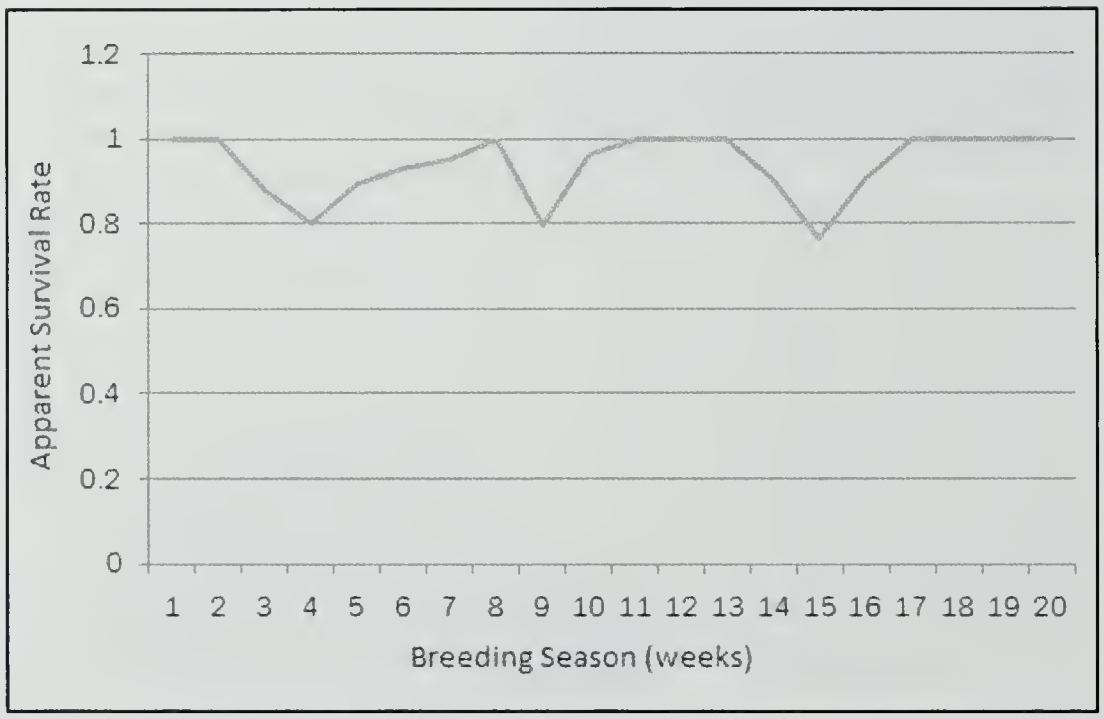
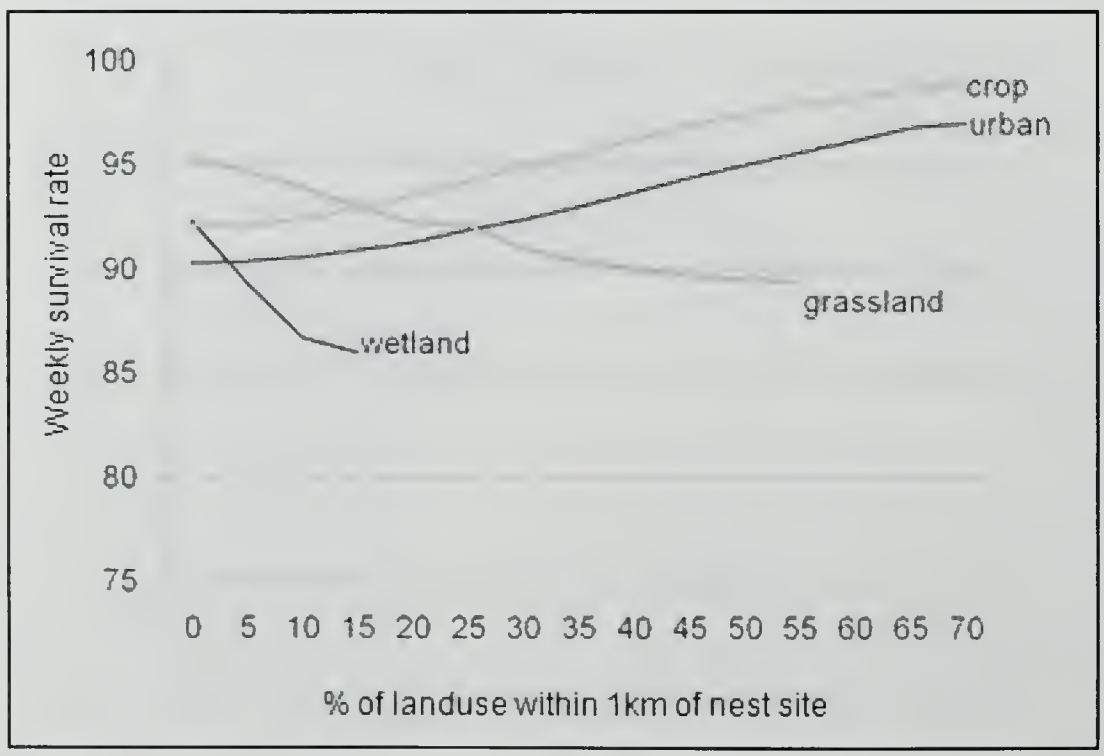



**Figure 2:** Land Use




behaviors suggest coyotes or foxes (five suspected kills), avian predators (two suspected kills), snapping turtles (two suspected kills), and raccoons (one suspected kill) are the most common predators. Three colts are suspected to have died from exposure during a severe storm in June 2009. One colt was found largely intact in a soybean field, the cause of mortality was not apparent. Pending official necropsies, however, no definitive conclusions can be made regarding exact causes of mortality. This fact is important to consider – it is certainly possible that feral or stray domestic dogs may have been responsible for some of the kills attributed to coyotes and foxes, in which case the conclusions pertinent to habitat management would differ significantly.

Survival over the course of this study so far is 47.61 percent with a mean annual survival rate of 38.97 percent. These statistics reflect colt survival to the fledgling stage, and until banded birds return in 2010 survival to independence cannot be determined (colts were not banded in 2008). However, previous research suggests mortality between the fledgling stage and independence might range from 8-50 percent (Nesbitt 1992, Toland 1999). An Akaike's information criterion (AIC) approach suggests that survival varies through time (Figure 1) and between sites with

Sandhill Crane nesting areas in McHenry and Lake Counties, Illinois, were detected by helicopter and on land surveys in spring 2009.

A Sandhill Crane and its two young walk through feeding grounds in northeastern Illinois during summer 2009.

different land uses (Figure 2). Growth may also vary between sites with different land uses; however, conclusive support for this trend requires more data as it may be subject to sampling bias: As the season progresses, urban cranes are easier to find and recapture than those in taller wetland and grassland vegetation, biasing data collection for growth curves (and to a lesser extent survival rates) toward more open urbanized areas.

The first drop in survival rates (Figure 1) may be attributable to colts' age and corresponding lack of mobility and experience evading predators. That is, other researchers and I suspect a role for learned behavior and the associated learning curve in colt survival. In turn, the third drop in Figure 1 is perhaps due to older and more mobile and experienced colts venturing both farther from familiar natal ranges and their parents. Chance events (e.g. storms) may be responsible for the second drop seen in Figure 1; which, in fact, likely play a role in survival over the course of every breeding season. Elucidating the extent to which learned behavior, increased independent/exploring behavior, and random chance influence colt survival requires supplementing the current data with additional research.

Survival varying between sites with different land-uses (Figure 2) was not unexpected. Agricultural fields offer ample sources of sustenance and food is easily obtained. This fact has not eluded cranes – to a migratory species whose young gain approximately 15 times their own mass in a month, agricultural fields have surely become assets (Tacha et al. 1992). Complaints of Sandhill Cranes as agricultural pests range from Colorado (Laubhan & Gammonley 2001) to Wisconsin (Blackwell et al. 2001) to Saskatchewan (Sugden et al 1988).

Researchers Brad Semel, Michael P. Ward and I infer that the trend is either influenced by the same sampling bias that troubled data collection for growth curves; or, is a consequence of predator densities in the grasslands and wetlands of preserves and predators' foraging behaviors in urban/suburban environments. Without additional information regarding predator densities and an increased sample size from grassland and wetland habitats the underlying factors behind survival varying between different landscape compositions are not entirely clear.

Our findings contrast with another study that revealed lower survival rates in highly disturbed habitats compared with those in intact habitats (32 percent and 86 percent mean annual survival, respectively – Toland, 1999). It is, however, of interest, that mean annual survival (38.97 percent) in this study more closely resembles the aforementioned findings in disturbed habitats. Additionally, 47.61 percent survival rates in a population increasing 33.3 percent annually contrasts with the 64.9 percent survival rate observed in a stable population of Florida Sandhill Cranes (Nesbitt 1992) and 97 percent survival rate in an increasing Rocky Mountain population (Drewin et al. 1999).

## Conclusion

Cumulatively, data collected thus far suggest a source of Illinois' Sandhill Crane population explosion— Wisconsin. It is peculiar to note that over the 25 years in which cranes have become so numerous, breeding pairs with fledglings were infrequently observed at the conclusion of each breeding season. In conducting the first year of this

# **Table 2:** Locations and current status of birds captured in 2008 and 2009.

| Site | Sex | Siblings | 1st Capture | | Banded | | Last Detection | | Current Status | Bands | | | | Band Key | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Date | Location | Date | Location | Date | Location | | USFAW # | Left | Right | | Left | Right (Green) Letters |
| Glacier Park | | | 5/8/2008 | N42 25.402 W88 18.733 | | | 5/17/2008 | N42 25.296 W88 18.835 | Dead | | | | | U=USFAW | A |
| Moraine Hills | | | 5/17/2008 | N42 19.264 W88 13.757 | | | 5/31/2008 | N42 19.264 W88 13.757 | Dead | | | | | R=Red | B |
| Volo Bog | | | 5/18/2008 | N42 20.886 W88 10.992 | | | 6/23/2008 | N42 20.963 W88 10.988 | Dead | | | | | Y=Yellow | H |
| Antioch | | X | 6/1/2008 | N42 28.895 W887.007 | | | 7/28/2008 | ≈N42 28.895 W887.007 | Dead | | | | | B=Blue | J |
| Antioch | | | 6/1/2008 | N42 28.895 W887.007 | | | 8/23/2008 | N42 29.191 W88 6.723 | Alive | | | | | W=White | L |
| Hollows | | X | 6/21/2008 | N42 13.887 W88 15.426 | | | 7/23/2008 | N42 16.183 W88 15.122 | Dead | | | | | | S |
| Hollows | | | 6/21/2008 | N42 13.887 W88 15.426 | | | 9/6/2008 | N42 15.750 W88 15.038 | Alive | | | | | | T |
| Volo Bog | | | 7/2/2008 | N42 21.114 W88 11.207 | | | 7/20/2008 | N42 21.114 W88 11.207 | Dead | | | | | | Z |
| Volo Bog | | X | 5/2/2009 | 42° 21.107'N 88° 11.639'W | | | 5/14/2009 | 42° 21.244'N 88° 11.727'W | Dead | | | | | Note: All bands affixed above | |
| Volo Bog | | | 5/2/2009 | 42° 21.107'N 88° 11.639'W | | | 8/24/2009 | N42 21.116 W88 11.632 | Alive | | | | | hock and listed in top-down order. | |
| Glacier Park | | | 5/3/2009 | 42° 25.458'N 88° 18.777'W | | | 5/9/2009 | 42° 25.369'N 88° 18.623'W | Dead | | | | | | |
| Pollins Savanna | | X | 5/3/2009 | 42° 23.053'N 88° 1.409'W | | | 5/12/2009 | N42 22.915 W88 01.445 | Dead | | | | | | |
| Pollins Savanna | | | 5/3/2009 | 42° 23.053'N 88° 1.409'W | | | 6/21/2009 | N42 22.727 W88 02.775 | Dead | | | | | | |
| Hollows | F | X | 5/5/2009 | 42° 13.880'N 88° 15.033'W | 6/24/2009 | N42 13.889 W88 15.288 | 7/28/2009 | N42 13.912 W88 14.949 | Alive | 0679-02052 | YRU | BBB | | | |
| Hollows | F | | 5/5/2009 | 42° 13.880'N 88° 15.033'W | 6/24/2009 | N42 13.889 W88 15.288 | 7/28/2009 | N42 13.912 W88 14.949 | Alive | 0679-02058 | BYU | HHH | | | |
| Volo Bog | | X | 5/7/2009 | 42° 20.968'N 88° 10.996'W | | | 5/14/2009 | 42° 20.969'N 88° 10.801'W | Dead | | | | | | |
| Volo Bog | | | 5/7/2009 | 42° 20.968'N 88° 10.996'W | | | 5/20/2009 | N42 20.815 W88 10.796 | Dead | | | | | | |
| Moraine Hills | | X | 5/7/2009 | 42° 19.434'N 88° 14.411'W | | | 5/8/2009 | 42° 19.368'N 88° 14.397'W | Dead | | | | | | |
| Moraine Hills | | | 5/7/2009 | 42° 19.434'N 88° 14.411'W | | | 8/29/2009 | N42 19.613 W88 14.831 | Alive | | | | | | |
| Chain O'Lakes | | X | 5/7/2009 | 42° 27.170'N 88° 11.681'W | | | 8/3/2009 | N42 27.356 W88 11.965 | Alive | | | | | | |
| Chain O'Lakes | | | 5/7/2009 | 42° 27.170'N 88° 11.681'W | | | 5/29/2009 | N42 27.277 W88 11.901 | Dead | | | | | | |
| Antioch | F | X | 5/10/2009 | N42 28.823 W88 07.131 | 6/25/2009 | N42 28.848 W88 07.073 | 8/1/2009 | N42 29.413 W88 06.180 | Dead | 0679-02096 | WBU | ZZZ | | | |
| Antioch | M | | 5/10/2009 | N42 28.823 W88 07.131 | 6/25/2009 | N42 28.848 W88 07.073 | 9/7/2009 | N42 28.994 W88 06.343 | Alive | 0679-02054 | YBU | TTT | | | |
| Volo Bog | | | 5/14/2009 | N42 20.350 W88 11.119 | | | 5/22/2009 | N42 20.690 W88 11.156 | Dead | | | | | | |
| Pollins Savanna | F | | 5/17/2009 | N42 22.402 W88 01.392 | 6/28/2009 | N42 22.570 W88 02.799 | 8/29/2009 | N42 22.309 W88 02.142 | Alive | 0679-02089 | WRU | LST | | | |
| Red Wing Slough | M | | 5/17/2009 | N42 28.768 W88 02.613 | 6/24/2009 | N42 28.990 W88 01.250 | 8/3/2009 | N42 28.561 W88 00.041 | Dead | 0679-02071 | RYU | JJJ | | | |
| Darrell | F | | 5/17/2009 | N42 19.228 W88 11.838 | 6/24/2009 | N42 18.935 W88 11.835 | 9/12/2009 | N42 18.895 W88 11.678 | Alive | 0679-02090 | BUB | SSS | | | |
| Cotton Creek | M | X | 5/17/2009 | N42 16.554 W88 12.472 | 7/1/2009 | N42 16.607 W88 12.468 | 9/11/2009 | N42 16.606 W88 12.323 | Alive | 0679-02059 | RWU | AAZ | | | |
| Cotton Creek | F | | 5/17/2009 | N42 16.554 W88 12.472 | 7/3/2009 | N42 16.707 W88 12.442 | 9/11/2009 | N42 16.606 W88 12.323 | Alive | 0679-02073 | BRU | AAT | | | |
| Pine Dunes (Hunt Club) | | | 5/21/2009 | N42 29.599 W87 58.471 | | | 8/29/2009 | N42 29.656 W87 58.393 | Alive | | | | | | |
| Sun Lake | | X | 5/25/2009 | N42 26.818 W88 04.930 | | | 6/20/2009 | N42 26.820 W88 04.830 | Dead | | | | | | |
| Sun Lake | M | | 5/25/2009 | N42 26.818 W88 04.930 | 6/23/2009 | N42 26.761 W88 04.736 | 7/31/2009 | N42 25.865 W88 06.100 | Alive | 0679-02069 | RBU | AAA | | | |
| Boloria | | X | 6/4/2009 | N42 19.516 W88 20.583 | | | 6/22/2009 | N42 19.531 W88 20.564 | Dead | | | | | | |
| Boloria | | | 6/13/2009 | N42 19.532 W88 20.559 | | | 6/19/2009 | N42 19.524 W88 20.556 | Dead | | | | | | |
| Middlefork Savanna | F | | 6/9/2009 | N42 15.398 W87 53.307 | 6/28/2009 | N42 15.606 W87 53.353 | 8/7/2009 | N42 16.737 W87 53.697 | Alive | 0679-02076 | YWU | ABH | | | |
| Richmond | | X | 6/9/2009 | N42 29.173 W88 19.087 | | | 7/10/2009 | N42 29.678 W88 18.988 | Unknown | | | | | | |
| Richmond | | | 6/10/2009 | N42 29.726 W88 18.965 | | | 7/10/2009 | N42 29.678 W88 18.988 | Unknown | | | | | | |
| Darrell | M | | 6/16/2009 | N42 18.786 W88 11.655 | 6/24/2009 | N42 18.629 W88 10.336 | 9/12/2009 | N42 18.708 W88 11.042 | Alive | 0679-02072 | RUY | LLL | | | |
| Deep Cut | F | | 7/1/2009 | N42 21.352 W88 31.065 | 7/1/2009 | N42 21.352 W88 31.065 | 7/1/2009 | N42 21.352 W88 31.065 | Unknown | 0679-02079 | WUY | BAB | | | |
| McHenry Theater | M | | 7/2/2009 | N42 20.364 W88 13.560 | 7/2/2009 | N42 20.364 W88 13.560 | 8/14/2009 | N42 20.605 W88 13.577 | Alive | 0679-02063 | BWU | JJS | | | |
| Moraine Hills | | X | 7/3/2009 | N42 18.664 W88 14.826 | | | 7/29/2009 | N42 19.012 W88 14.495 | Dead | | | | | | |
| Moraine Hills | | | 7/3/2009 | N42 18.664 W88 14.826 | | | 7/29/2009 | N42 19.012 W88 14.495 | Dead | | | | | | |
| Bull Valley | M | X | 7/5/2009 | N42 21.042 W88 22.617 | 7/5/2009 | N42 21.042 W88 22.617 | 7/24/2009 | N42 20.619 W88 22.770 | Alive | 0679-02081 | WUW | ZJZ | | | |
| Bull Valley | M | | 7/5/2009 | N42 21.042 W88 22.617 | 7/5/2009 | N42 21.042 W88 22.617 | 7/24/2009 | N42 20.619 W88 22.770 | Alive | 0679-02077 | WUR | ZBS | | | |
| North Avenue | F | | 7/8/2009 | N42 29.260 W88 4.485 | 7/8/2009 | N42 29.260 W88 4.485 | 8/27/2009 | N42 28.768 W88 03.133 | Alive | 0679-02074 | YUW | BLS | | | |
| Chain O'Lakes | F | X | 7/16/2009 | N42 26.979 W88 11.167 | 7/16/2009 | N42 26.979 W88 11.167 | 7/26/2009 | N42 27.041 W88 11.142 | Unknown | 0679-02083 | YUR | BHJ | | | |
| Chain O'Lakes | F | | 7/17/2009 | N42 26.954 W88 11.248 | 7/17/2009 | N42 26.954 W88 11.248 | 7/17/2009 | N42 26.954 W88 11.248 | Unknown | 0679-02066 | YUY | BTH | | | |

study, researchers likewise observed a small portion of the sample surviving to the fledgling stage and fall migration (2 of 8). In 2009, however, at least 18 of 39 colts survived to participate in the fall migration. Further investigation is necessary to understand the trends observed in both the long-term and during 2009.

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**Editor's note:** In table 1, *P values of 0.05 or smaller are considered to be of high statistical significance, i.e., most of the population trends given above are likely very accurate. Higher P values often denote a much smaller sample size, causing the trend percentage to be more unreliable.*

# Aggressive interaction between a Sora and Virginia Rail during spring migration

*by John G. Palis*

Virginia Rails migrate through central Illinois, but do not nest there. An observation of a Virginia Rail being aggressive toward a Sora during migration was made in 2004.

This photo of a Virginia Rail was taken at one of its migratory stopover points, Kennekuk County Park, Vermilion County on 19 April 1997 by John McDaniel.

Due to their secretive nature and preference for heavily-vegetated marshes, Soras (*Porzana carolina*) and Virginia Rails (*Rallus limicola*) are infrequently observed. Although Kaufmann (1983, 1989) described behavior of captive and free-ranging Soras and Virginia Rails during their breeding season, little is known about the behavior of either species during migration. Herein I describe an aggressive interaction between a Sora and a Virginia Rail that I observed during spring migration at The Nature Conservancy's Grassy Slough Preserve near Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois. Soras and Virginia Rails are not known to nest in extreme southern Illinois (Conway 1995, Melvin and Gibbs 1996, Kleen et al. 2004), but both migrate through the area between early April and early May (Robinson 1996).

At 1200 CDST, 13 April 2004, I detected a Virginia Rail partially concealed at the edge of a dense stand of rush (*Juncus sp.*) that bordered a narrow (0.45 m wide) mud flat and a small (ca. 1 m2), shallow (≤ 3 cm deep), turbid-water pool. While examining the bird through binoculars, I watched as it suddenly emerged from the rushes, ran across the mud flat and entered the shallow pool. It immediately returned to the same location at the edge of the rushes with a small fish in its beak, which it quickly consumed. The fish appeared to be a juvenile sunfish (*Lepomis sp.*).

Shortly thereafter, a Sora appeared from the rushes on the opposite side of the shallow pool. The Sora waded slowly across the pool directly toward the Virginia Rail, stopping approximately 4 cm in front of the Virginia Rail. Facing the Sora, the Virginia Rail repeatedly bobbed its head and anterior portion of its body up and down while flaring its wings downward. The Sora changed direction and returned to the rush patch from which it emerged. Within several minutes, the Sora re-emerged and again moved toward the Virginia Rail. This time, following bobbing and wing flaring, the Virginia Rail ran toward the Sora which responded by fleeing. I then terminated observations.

During the breeding season, Kaufmann (1983, 1989) observed frequent aggressive interactions between Soras and Virginia Rails. The head-body bobbing behavior of the Virginia Rail that I witnessed was not described by Kaufmann (1983). He did, however, describe the drooping wings behavior as "swanning" and the rapid forward rush as "chasing." These behaviors are utilized by both species in the defense of breeding territories (Kaufmann 1983).

Inter-specific aggression during the breeding season implies that Soras and Virginia Rails compete for the same resources. Because the bulk of the diet differs between the two species (Horak 1970), Kaufmann (1989) suggested that Soras and Virginia Rails compete for space, not food, during the breeding season. My observation indicates that inter-specific aggression can occur outside the breeding season and that the Virginia Rail may have been defending a food source (the shallow-water pool) from the Sora. Both species consume a wide variety of invertebrates (Horak 1970, Conway 1995, Melvin and Gibbs 1996). Invertebrates provide an important source of protein to birds migrating to, or already on, breeding grounds (Krapu and Swanson 1975, Landys et al. 2005). Defense of protein-rich food sources by Virginia Rails during spring migration may be an important means of securing enough high-quality resources to support the energy demands of migration and reproduction.

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# The 2009 Illinois Statewide Spring Bird Count

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The 2009 statewide Spring Bird Count was held Saturday 9 May for the 38th consecutive year. We were fully prepared for observers to participate in all 102 counties this year; however, for one reason or another, we fell five short of that expectation. Since there were no new species added to the statewide accumulative list this year, the overall count total still stands at 329 species.

Perhaps the most devastating impact for the count occurred at midday on Friday (the day before the count) in Jackson, Union and Williamson counties; Rhonda Rothrock provided the following report: "An inland hurricane hit the area on Friday, 8 May. It left the affected area in huge disarray. Roadsides were un-traversable, power lines and trees of all sizes were down and over the roads (hundreds in just a few miles). Many roads were not passable for days. Curfews were in effect from 8 p.m. until 6 a.m. for several days, and the power remained out for days. Some people were stranded in their homes for several days before cleanup crews were able to clear the roads." Rhonda did manage to do a bit of birding (walking) in her immediate neighborhood (despite the damage to her place) and only two other participants (from out of town) were able to get out and count in Jackson County. Vicki Lang-Mendinhall cancelled the count for Williamson County, but two intrepid observers went out anyway (despite the curfew). Union County wasn't hit quite as hard, but downed trees across favored roads, especially in Pine Hills, prevented access to these highly productive warbler sites. Even in September, not all was normal there.

For the most part count day was a very good day. Frank Storment (Richland County) indicated that "the day was great—a little windy at times, but I am quite pleased the way it turned out." Several counties reported their highest species tallies ever. Huge numbers of Dickcissels and Indigo Buntings were encountered along the Mississippi River levees and even at a few inland locations. Despite the good day, however, there were a few inconveniences and/or difficulties. Johanna Shipley (Calhoun County) said that biting buffalo gnats were so vicious that walking time was cut way down; she also indicated that floodwaters from the Illinois and Mississippi rivers made access to favorable birding areas impossible. St. Clair, Effingham, Shelby and other counties were also plagued by flooding and, as such, lack of shorebird habitat. The wind was a bit excessive in northern counties which made birding by ear somewhat challenging. And, Jo Daviess County missed the expertise of its Lost Mound National Wildlife Refuge biologists because the Illinois Natural History Survey pulled its staff from the site.

Day-time temperatures at dawn ranged from the mid-to-upper 40s and low 50s in the north to the low to mid 50s in the south then by mid-afternoon had reached the low-to-mid 60s in the north and upper 60s and low 70s in the south. As usual, the wind was highly variable in both speed and direction. In the northwestern counties it ranged from 5-20 mph from the west/northwest. Farther inland it was reported as high as 35 mph from the northwest. Along Lake Michigan it was initially from the northwest at 10-35 mph,

**TABLE 1: Annual Comparisons**

| Criteria | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 | Highest Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Number of Species | 265 | 268 | 267 | 269 (1996 ) |
| Number of Birds | 522,237 | 517,017 | 562,396 | 593,680 (1996) |
| Number of Participating Counties | 97 | 100 | 100 | 102 (2 years) |
| Number of Observers | 1,330 | 1,323 | 1,426 | 1,611 (1997) |
| Party Miles Walked | 2,366 | 2,463 | 2,285 | 2,628 (1995) |
| Party Miles Driven | 22,424 | 22,284 | 23,739 | 23,942 (2001) |
| Total Party Miles | 24,790 | 24,747 | 26,024 | 26,401 (2001) |
| Party Hours Walked | 3,566 | 3,048 | 3,196 | 3,566 (2009) |
| Party Hours Driven | 1,910 | 1,973 | 1,957 | 2,140 (1998) |
| Total Party Hours | 5,476 | 5,021 | 5,153 | 5,565 (1995) |
| No. Species found in 90 or more Counties | 46 | 55 | 60 | 60 (2007) |
| No. of counties w/ 100 or more species | 80 | 76 | 85 | 85 (2007) |
| No. of Counties with 20 or more observers | 16 | 18 | 22 | 24 (1998) |
| Highest Species Total in Single county | 198 | 191 | 177 | 205 (1983) |
| Average # of species/participating county | 124 | 121 | 126 | 126 (2007) |
| Average # of species for all 102 counties | 118 | 119 | 124 | 124 (2007) |

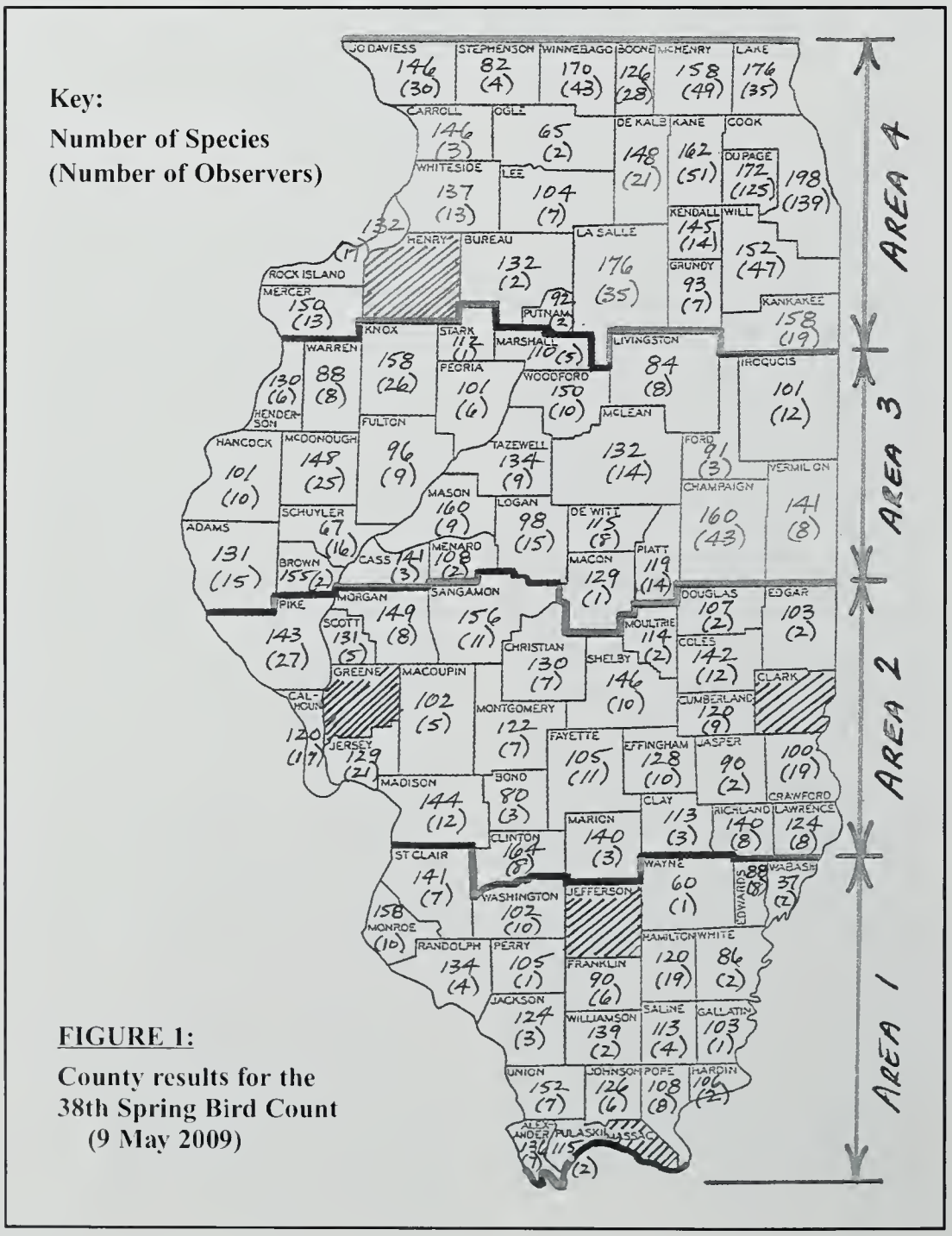



**FIGURE 1:**
**County results for the 38th Spring Bird Count (9 May 2009)**

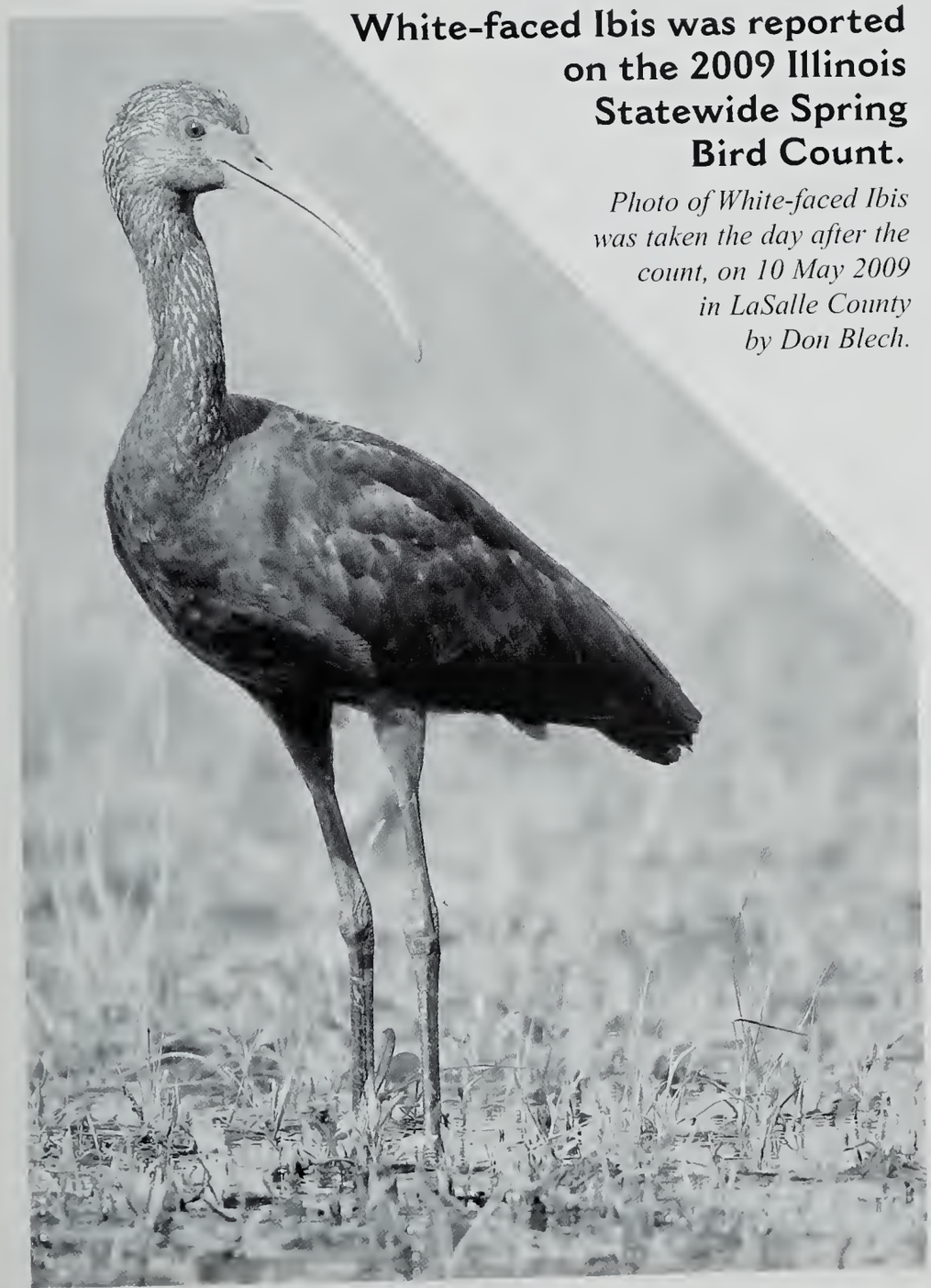
but, by afternoon had changed to 3-10 mph from many directions, but, predominantly from the east. Mid-state and southern reports indicated a fairly standard speed and direction: 5-25 mph from the west/northwest. The sky for count day was extremely variable; in the northern counties it ranged from cloudy and partly cloudy in the morning to clear, partly cloudy, or cloudy in the afternoon; in mid-state it was cloudy to partly cloudy in the morning then changed to less cloudy by afternoon; in the extreme southern counties it was overcast early then changed to partly cloudy as the day progressed. The only moisture reported came in the morning as a very light trace throughout the south plus intermittent traces in central and northern counties.

As the clock struck midnight Friday night birders in Clinton, DeKalb and Knox counties were already listening for owls and rails; they were joined 15 minutes later by at least one birder in Fayette County. By 3 a.m., birders in eight more counties were owling and whip-poor-willing, or nighthawking, or woodcocking, or mockingbirding, or listening to the cuckoos as they flew overhead. By dawn, approximately 5:15 a.m., in exactly one-half (51) of the state's counties had reported some "owling" time. Of the remaining counties, birding began by 6 a.m.in 38 and after 6 a.m. by the last eight. At least 35 counties recorded some owling/railing hours after dusk at about 8:30 p.m., with 20 continuing until 10 p.m. or later and two (Adams and Mercer) until midnight.

**Table 1** compares the overall count results with those of the past two years and the record year. Perhaps because count day was such a nice day counters set a new record for the number of party hours walked. As has often happened, we were once again very close to the top record for the total number of species – four short of tying the record. The 2009 count did show a slight gain over last year in the total number of birds reported

**Figure 1**, as usual, is the visual reference to how well we did. The larger number in each county is the number of species reported; the smaller number (in parentheses) is the number of observers. Figure 1 makes it easy to compare county results and to identify those counties where more assistance would be welcomed – especially those with four or fewer observers and fewer than 100 species

**Table 2** identifies those counties with 150 or more species. Cook County continued its recent tradition of top honors , without much challenge, by recording 198 species. The American Black Duck, American Wigeon and American Tree Sparrow were the only species attributed solely to Cook County. Lake County, which is usually Cook's most challenging competitor, tallied only 176 species, but did have five species not reported by any other county. These include Piping Plover, Thayer's, Lesser Black-backed and Glaucous gulls, and White-winged Crossbill. In the other AREA 4 counties DuPage and Winnebago were third and fourth with 172 and 170 species, respectively; they were followed by six more counties with 150 or more. Clinton County led the central counties (AREAS 2 & 3) with 163 species; Champaign and Mason counties challenged with 160 each and four more counties had 150 or more. Monroe County led the southern group of counties (AREA 1) with 158 species; it was followed by Union with its paucity of 152. It should be repeated here that the major inland hurricane of 8 May as mentioned in the introduction devastated much of southern Illinois and most of the challenging counties were not or just barely able to get observers into the field. Finally, another 14 counties provided confirmed lists of 140 to 149 species and



**White-faced Ibis was reported on the 2009 Illinois Statewide Spring Bird Count.**

*Photo of White-faced Ibis was taken the day after the count, on 10 May 2009 in LaSalle County by Don Blech.*

**TABLE 2:**
**Counties with 150 or more species**

| | |
|---|---|
| **Northern Counties (Area 4)** | |
| Cook | 198 |
| Lake | 176 |
| DuPage | 172 |
| Winnebago | 170 |
| Kane | 162 |
| LaSalle | 161 |
| Kankakee | 158 |
| McHenry | 158 |
| Will | 152 |
| Mercer | 150 |
| **Central Counties (Areas 2 & 3)** | |
| Clinton | 163 |
| Champaign | 160 |
| Mason | 160 |
| Knox | 150 |
| Sangamon | 156 |
| Brown | 155 |
| Woodford | 150 |
| **Southern Counties (Area 1)** | |
| Monroe | 158 |
| Union | 152 |

**TABLE 3:**
**Counties with 20 or more Participants**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cook | 139 | Jo Daviess | 30 |
| DuPage | 125 | Boone | 28 |
| Kane | 51 | LaSalle | 27 |
| McHenry | 49 | Pike | 27 |
| Will | 47 | Knox | 26 |
| Champaign | 43 | McDonough | 25 |
| Winnebago | 43 | DeKalb | 21 |
| Lake | 35 | Jersey | 21 |

13 more tallied 130 to 139 species. The record for the greatest number of species for a single county still stands at 205, set in 1983.

**Table 3** identifies, in descending order, the counties with 20 or more participants. The list this year contains 16 counties (two fewer than last year); Cook and DuPage continue to field 100 or more participants. After these two, the number of participants in the other counties declines sharply.

**Table 4** provides the usual comparisons of birding efforts in each quarter of the state (delineated in Figure 1 as AREAS 1 through 4--south to north). In 2009, the average number of party hours per county increased to 56.0—compared with 50.2 in 2008— primarily because birders spent considerable more time walking this year.

**Table 5** identifies the 60 species reported from 87 (90%) or more of the reporting counties. Only 19 (32%) of these were reported from all 97 counties; another 8 (13%) were reported from all but one county. For some reason, several species including the Mallard, American Kestrel, Rock Pigeon, Northern Flicker, Horned Lark, Purple Martin, Tufted Titmouse, House Wren, White-throated Sparrow and House Finch escape detection in some of the counties. Even the House Sparrow was missed in one county this year.

**Table 6** shows, in descending order, the 20 most commonly reported species. The Red-winged Blackbird continues to be reported as the most common species. The next nine are often the same year after year but do occasionally change positions; however, the Tree Swallow and Barn Swallow jumped into the mix this year. The robin retained second place ahead of the third place grackle and fourth place starling. The Canada Goose remained entrenched in fifth place well ahead of the House Sparrow, by nearly 6,000 birds. The House Sparrow dropped to seventh position, even though there were more birds reported this year than last year, because the Tree Swallow out-performed this year. The Barn Swallow made a good showing as well this year and reached the eighth position. The American Goldfinch and Brown-headed Cowbird remained in the top 10 and would have been in 7th and 8th positions had it not been for the surge of the two swallow species, which also accounts for the Northern Cardinal and Mourning Dove dropping out of the top 10 positions. Indigo Bunting is hanging in there at 13th place. Something must be happening to the Ring-billed Gull population. Their numbers just aren't like they used to be. However the species did rank in 14th place. Another swallow, the Rough-winged, made the top 20 as well; this is only its sixth time in the table. The lower ten of the top 20 often shows considerable variation. This year, though, it's pretty much the same as last year; the only two species last year not on the list this year are the Mallard and Chimney Swift and their replacements are the Rough-winged Swallow and Yellow-rumped Warbler. The only species in the top 20 this year reported in record numbers is the robin. For those who keep track, the American Crow ranked 26th this year and missed the top 20 list for the sixth consecutive year. The Double-crested Cormorant, which had ranked high for several years, was way out of the picture. During the count's 38-year history, 43 species have appeared in the top 20 list, eight of which have made the list only one time.

**Table 7** provides the maximum species details for the number of counties reporting the species; the

**TABLE 4 – Area Coverage in 2009**

| AREA | Possible # of Counties | # Counties Participating | # Party Hours | Average # Party Hours Per County |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 23 | 21 (91%) | 509 | 24.2 |
| 2 | 28 | 26 (93%) | 927 | 35.7 |
| 3 | 27 | 27 (100%) | 1,623 | 60.1 |
| 4 | 24 | 23 (96%) | 2,417 | 105.1 |
| **TOTAL** | **102** | **97 (95%)** | **5,436** | **56.0** |

**TABLE 5: Species Reported from 87 (90%) or more Counties in 2009**

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Canada Goose | 96 | Horned Lark | 89 | Common Yellowthroat | 94 |
| Mallard | 87 | Tree Swallow | 92 | Scarlet Tanager | 87 |
| Great Blue Heron | 97 | No. Rough-wg Swallow | 87 | Eastern Towhee | 97 |
| Turkey Vulture | 97 | Barn Swallow | 96 | Chipping Sparrow | 97 |
| Red-tailed Hawk | 97 | Tufted Titmouse | 93 | Field Sparrow | 95 |
| Killdeer | 97 | White-breasted Nuthatch | 96 | Song Sparrow | 91 |
| Rock Pigeon | 91 | Carolina Wren | 87 | White-throated Sparrow | 87 |
| Mourning Dove | 97 | House Wren | 90 | White-crowned Sparrow | 93 |
| Chimney Swift | 97 | Blue-gray Gnatcatcher | 95 | Northern Cardinal | 96 |
| Ruby-thr Hummingbird | 93 | Eastern Bluebird | 97 | Rose-breasted Grosbeak | 93 |
| Red-headed Woodpecker | 89 | Swainson's Thrush | 87 | Indigo Bunting | 97 |
| Red-bellied Woodpecker | 95 | Wood Thrush | 87 | Red-winged Blackbird | 97 |
| Downy Woodpecker | 94 | American Robin | 97 | Eastern Meadowlark | 97 |
| Northern Flicker | 90 | Gray Catbird | 96 | Common Grackle | 97 |
| Eastern Phoebe | 95 | Brown Thrasher | 95 | Brown-headed Cowbird | 97 |
| Great Crested Flycatcher | 92 | European Starling | 97 | Orchard Oriole | 87 |
| Eastern Kingbird | 97 | Yellow Warbler | 87 | Baltimore Oriole | 96 |
| Warbling Vireo | 90 | Yellow-rumped Warbler | 87 | House Finch | 91 |
| Blue Jay | 97 | Black-&-white Warbler | 87 | American Goldfinch | 97 |
| American Crow | 96 | American Redstart | 87 | House Sparrow | 96 |

total number of birds of each species reported; and the highest number of each species recorded in a single county, including the county in which that number was recorded. The 20 species reported from a single county appear in bold face. Some of the notable single-county records included Gray Partridge (Carroll County), Red-throated Loon (the second spring count record and two years in a row), both Glossy and White-faced Ibises (plus an unidentified dark ibis), Piping Plover, Buff-breasted Sandpiper, Lesser Black-backed Gull, Glaucous Gull, Least Tern, Alder Flycatcher (with photograph), Painted Bunting and White-winged Crossbill. Some of the better records for the nine species reported from only two counties were Trumpeter Swan; Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, Western Kingbird and Red Crossbill. Also included in the table are those species that are not officially countable in Illinois and treated as exotics; this year none were reported, however, the Ringed Turtle-Dove is listed anyway to indicate that it was not accidentally skipped. Someday the Whooping Crane will show up on the count; when it does, it will fit into the exotic category until unmarked individuals from Wisconsin's stable nesting population are recognized.

### New Records

**Table 7** also identifies all new and tied count records for each species. As expected, new records are more difficult to achieve each year and when achieved, they most often surpass the previous record by only a small margin. The 36 new records have been identified by an asterisk (*) in the table; the 14 tied records, by a pound (#) sign. Had there been participants in all 102 counties and more participating birders the number of new records would most certainly have been greater.

There were 13 new records for the number of counties reporting the species. Some of the largest or most interesting of these increases were for: Double-crested Cormorant (up 5 counties), Bald Eagle (up 2), Caspian Tern (up 3), Ruby-throated Hummingbird (up 3), Acadian Flycatcher (up 3), Cliff Swallow (up 4), White-eyed Vireo (up 4), Hooded Warbler (up 2), and Blue Grosbeak (up 4 after a significant increase of 10 last year). There were 10 new records for the total count of birds reported for those species in a single count year. Some of the largest or most interesting of these new high counts were for: Turkey Vulture (up 41 birds after an increase of 813 last year), Cooper's Hawk (up 4 birds), Ruby-throated Hummingbird (up 170 birds), Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (up 86 birds), American Robin (up 1,750 birds), Gray Catbird (up 200 birds after an increase of 338 birds last year), American Redstart (up 90 birds), and Orchard Oriole (up 80 birds). There were 13 new records for the total number of birds reported for those species in a single county. Some of the largest or most interesting records of these were for: Mississippi Kite (up 5 birds), Bald Eagle (up 16 birds), Cooper's Hawk (up 17 birds), Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (up 88 birds), Eastern Towhee (up 37 birds), Song Sparrow (up 140 birds), Brown-headed Cowbird (up 70 birds), and Baltimore Oriole (up 180 birds).

### Species Comments

• Both the Blue Jay and American Crow numbers remain subpar; for the Blue Jay there were 800 fewer birds this year than last year, but, for the crow there was a net gain of 12 birds.

• Red-headed Woodpeckers continue their serious downward trend with 139 fewer this year than last year and down almost 400 from 2007. For that matter, the numbers of Red-bellieds, Downies, Hairies and Pileateds are lower as well.

• The Gray Partridge returned to the count this year with a single bird observed in Carroll County.

• After making the count for two consecutive years, the Bewick's Wren was missed again this year.

• After appearing for several consecutive years, the Scissor-tailed Flycatcher was absent from the count, although one was seen in Effingham County just after count day.

**TABLE 6: Twenty Most Common Species**

| Species | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 | Highest | # Years In Top 20 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Red-winged Blackbird | 62,299 | 61,289 | 63,961 | 69,971 (1996) | 38 |
| American Robin | **38,940** | 35,664 | 28,606 | **38,940 (2009)** | 38 |
| Common Grackle | 31,267 | 33,102 | 44,408 | 59,264 (1974) | 38 |
| European Starling | 30,035 | 27,703 | 29,997 | 37,736 (1992) | 38 |
| Canada Goose | 19,416 | 19,645 | 18,831 | 19,990 (2005) | 24 |
| Tree Swallow | 14,059 | 9,685 | 9,698 | 24,573 (1989) | 24 |
| House Sparrow | 13,669 | 13,509 | 14,081 | 32,120 (2002 | 38 |
| Barn Swallow | 13,040 | 10,705 | 10,177 | 27,532 (1999) | 37 |
| Brown-headed Cowbird | 11,844 | 11,608 | 15,727 | 15,727 (2007) | 38 |
| American Goldfinch | 11,704 | 12,463 | 15,628 | 18,240 (2002) | 37 |
| Northern Cardinal | 10,553 | 11,170 | 12,373 | 13,895 (2002) | 38 |
| Mourning Dove | 9,500 | 11,325 | 11,949 | 12,589 (2005) | 38 |
| Indigo Bunting | 9,466 | 10,228 | 9,327 | 10,228 (2008) | 19 |
| Ring-billed Gull | 7,569 | 9,340 | 13,618 | 29,243 (1994) | 25 |
| No. Rough-winged Swallow | 7,241 | 4,937* | 3,764* | 8,980 (1999) | 6 |
| Chipping Sparrow | 6,927 | 7,319 | 6,762 | 7,407 (2005) | 7 |
| Yellow-rumped Warbler | 6,024 | 4,177 | 7,576 | 17,978 (1997) | 25 |
| Blue Jay | 5,843 | 6,662 | 7,068 | 13,446 (1984) | 37 |
| House Wren | 5,778 | 5,857 | 4,891* | 5,857 (2008) | 3 |
| Song Sparrow | 5,758 | 5,897 | 6,015* | 7,475 (1995) | 13 |

New Records in **Bold Face** * = Not in "Top 20" this year

• The nest of Barn Owls in Union County increased the total for this species nicely.

• The Painted Bunting in Cass County was another good find.

• Not until 2008 did the Red-throated Loon make its appearance on a count day; now it's been recorded two years in a row

• The Double-crested Cormorant was, from 1996 thru 2005, one of the most-commonly reported species, even in the top 20 list six times. However there were fewer than 50% as many this year as there was during the earlier 2000's—its peak years.

• There were three reports of three dark ibises – one each of the two species and the third that was not specifically identified.

• What has happened to the Swainson's Hawk? It used to be a regular species in Kane County and sometimes McHenry but it's been missed for the fourth consecutive year.

• The Least Tern made it back on the count in Randolph County after an absence of many years; this is only the 9th year it's been reported.

• After several years of continuous gains, the Eurasian Collared-Dove took a step backward in total number of birds and the number of counties reporting them.

• Why is it that the number of Rock Pigeons reported is always so low? Does it matter?

• The number of nightjars continues to decline despite the large number of nocturnal hours observers spend listening for them.

• Loggerhead Shrikes continue to be very scarce.

• Blue Grosbeaks continue a major northward expansion and are becoming more regular in northern counties.

• Orchard Orioles, likewise, are expanding in good numbers north-

**TABLE 7: Species Accounts for the 2009 Spring Bird Count**

Key to Table:
* New Spring Bird Count High Total
# Ties Previous Spring Bird Count High Total
New species to Count in **BOLD FACE CAPS**
Species Reported from a Single County in **Bold Face**

| Species | Total Co.s | No. of Birds | High County | (Total) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Grtr White-fronted Goose | 4 | 8 | Knox | (4) |
| Snow Goose | 9 | 76 | Bond | (29) |
| Canada Goose | 96 | 19416 | Cook | (2026) |
| Mute Swan | 18 | 184 | Tazewell | (36) |
| Trumpeter Swan | 2 | 3 | Carroll | (2) |
| Wood Duck | 85 | 2044 | Cook | (256) |
| Gadwall | 21 | 112 | Lake | (22) |
| American Wigeon | 1 | 2 | Cook | (2) |
| American Black Duck | 1 | 1 | Pike | (1) |
| Mallard | 88 | 5740 | Cook | (868) |
| Blue-winged Teal | 64 | 1220 | Kane | (90) |
| Northern Shoveler | 44 | 230 | Kane | (31) |
| Northern Pintail | 3 | 15 | Lake | (10) |
| Green-winged Teal | 18 | 35 | 2 counties | (4) |
| Canvasback | 2 | 6 | Jo Daviess | (5) |
| Redhead | 4 | 12 | McHenry | (7) |
| Ring-necked Duck | 14 | 37 | Rock Island | (7) |
| Greater Scaup | 3 | 5 | Cook | (3) |
| Lesser Scaup | 13 | 49 | Cook | (12) |
| Bufflehead | 4 | 14 | Hancock | (7) |
| Hooded Merganser | 30 | 145 | Monroe | (34) |
| Common Merganser | 5 | 5 | 5 counties | (1) |
| Red-breasted Merganser | 10 | 122 | Lake | (72) |
| Ruddy Duck | 19 | 52 | Cook | (13) |
| Gray Partridge | 1 | 1 | Carroll | (1) |
| Ring-necked Pheasant | 53 | 489 | Champaign | (37) |
| Greater Prairie-Chicken | 2 | 51 | Marion | (26) |
| Wild Turkey | 82 | 1082 | Boone | (90) |
| Northern Bobwhite | 68 | 777 | Richland | (58) |
| Red-throated Loon | 1# | 1# | Macon | #(1) |
| Common Loon | 13 | 25 | Richland | (6) |
| Pied-billed Grebe | 49 | 246 | Monroe | (26) |
| Horned Grebe | 4 | 6 | 2 counties | (2) |
| American White Pelican | 24 | 1163 | Rock Island | (197) |
| Double-crest Cormorant | 69* | 3925 | Will | (836) |
| American Bittern | 19 | 35 | DuPage | (6) |
| Least Bittern | 3 | 7 | Monroe | #(5) |
| Great Blue Heron | 97 | 3811 | DuPage | (295) |
| Great Egret | 61 | 1872 | Will | (285) |
| Snowy Egret | 9 | 73 | Pulaski | (21) |
| Little Blue Heron | 14 | 119 | St. Clair | (59) |
| Cattle Egret | 26 | 337 | St. Clair | (107) |
| Green Heron | 85 | 487 | Cook | (94) |
| Black-crown Night-Heron | 22 | 515 | Cook | (449) |
| Yellow-crown Night-Heron | 6 | 17 | Madison | (10) |
| Glossy Ibis | 1# | 1 | Calhoun | (1) |
| White-faced Ibis | 1# | 1 | LaSalle | (1) |
| (Plegadis, species) | 1# | 1# | Clinton | #(1) |
| Black Vulture | 9# | 75 | Johnson | (25) |
| Turkey Vulture | 97 | 5210* | Pike | (206) |
| Osprey | 27 | 48 | DuPage | (7) |
| Mississippi Kite | 10 | 53 | Alexander | *(27) |
| Bald Eagle | 49* | 220* | Jo Daviess | *(38) |
| Northern Harrier | 37 | 62 | Will | (6) |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk | 35 | 80 | 2 counties | (9) |
| Cooper's Hawk | 62 | 307* | DuPage | *(60) |
| Red-shouldered Hawk | 29 | 73 | Union | (8) |
| Broad-winged Hawk | 34 | 66 | DuPage | (7) |
| Red-tailed Hawk | 97 | 1615 | DuPage | (131) |
| American Kestrel | 81 | 394 | Cook | (16) |

**TABLE 7: Species Accounts for the 2009 Spring Bird Count (continued)**

| Species | Total Co.s | No. of Birds | High County | (Total) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Merlin | 1 | 1 | Hamilton | (1) |
| Peregrine Falcon | 12 | 18 | Cook | (4) |
| King Rail | 3 | 4 | Winnebago | (2) |
| Virginia Rail | 15 | 55 | Lake | (15) |
| Sora | 48 | 516 | Kane | (65) |
| Common Moorhen | 4 | 4 | 4 counties | (1) |
| American Coot | 55 | 2633 | Carroll | (650) |
| Sandhill Crane | 15 | 204 | McHenry | (64) |
| Black-bellied Plover | 5 | 44 | Iroquois | (30) |
| American Golden-Plover | 10 | 1303 | Champaign | (564) |
| Semipalmated Plover | 15 | 33 | Brown | (6) |
| Piping Plover | 1 | 1 | Lake | (1) |
| Killdeer | 97 | 3266 | Kane | (1621) |
| Black-necked Stilt | 3 | 13 | Morgan | *(7) |
| Spotted Sandpiper | 68 | 565 | Cook | (74) |
| Solitary Sandpiper | 68 | 415 | Cook | (47) |
| Greater Yellowlegs | 37 | 244 | Cook | (28) |
| Willet | 8 | 39 | DeKalb | (17) |
| Lesser Yellowlegs | 58 | 1251 | Cook | (170) |
| Upland Sandpiper | 7 | 11 | McDonough | (3) |
| Hudsonian Godwit | 1 | 1 | Fayette | (1) |
| Sanderling | 3 | 4 | Lake | (2) |
| Semipalmated Sandpiper | 12 | 43 | Champaign | (12) |
| Least Sandpiper | 38 | 389 | Cook | (64) |
| White-rumped Sandpiper | 3 | 23 | Will | (16) |
| Pectoral Sandpiper | 31 | 627 | Knox | (116) |
| Dunlin | 15 | 99 | Fayette | (23) |
| Stilt Sandpiper | 3 | 5 | Morgan | (3) |
| Buff-breasted Sandpiper | 1 | 1 | Union | (1) |
| Short-billed Dowitcher | 14 | 40 | Whiteside | (12) |
| Long-billed Dowitcher | 2 | 2 | 2 counties | (1) |
| Wilson's Snipe | 17 | 40 | Will | (11) |
| American Woodcock | 31 | 105 | DuPage | (17) |
| Wilson's Phalarope | 8 | 26 | Cook | (11) |
| Red-necked Phalarope | 1# | 1 | Champaign | (1) |
| Laughing Gull | 1 | 1 | Clinton | (1) |
| Franklin's Gull | 4# | 10 | 2 counties | (4) |
| Bonaparte's Gull | 5 | 37 | Clinton | (15) |
| Ring-billed Gull | 42 | 7569 | Cook | (3542) |
| Herring Gull | 10 | 374 | Lake | (227) |
| Thayer's Gull | 1 | 1 | Lake | (1) |
| Lesser Black-backed Gull | 1 | 2 | Lake | (2) |
| Glaucous Gull | 1 | 1 | Lake | (1) |
| Least Tern | 1# | 1 | Randolph | (1) |
| Caspian Tern | 27* | 777 | Cook | (457) |
| Black Tern | 27 | 221 | Brown | (42) |
| Common Tern | 11 | 170 | Lake | (106) |
| Forster's Tern | 32 | 289 | Lake | (65) |
| Rock Pigeon | 91 | 3511 | Cook | (453) |
| Eurasian Collared-Dove | 54 | 315 | Effingham | (60) |
| Mourning Dove | 97 | 9500 | Richland | (372) |
| Monk Parakeet | 2 | 21 | Cook | (19) |
| Yellow-billed Cuckoo | 40 | 107 | Union | (24) |
| Black-billed Cuckoo | 16 | 24 | DuPage | (6) |
| Barn Owl | 3 | 9 | Union | (7) |
| Eastern Screech-Owl | 27 | 52 | DuPage | (9) |
| Great Horned Owl | 54 | 160 | DuPage | (29) |
| Barred Owl | 73 | 318 | Union | (29) |
| Common Nighthawk | 43 | 203 | Richland | (42) |
| Chuck-will's-widow | 8 | 23 | Union | (7) |
| Whip-poor-will | 39 | 218 | Mason | (49) |
| Chimney Swift | 96 | 5294 | DuPage | (482) |
| Ruby-thrtd Hummingbird | 93* | 1604* | Union | (226) |
| Belted Kingfisher | 70 | 292 | Winnebago | (23) |
| Red-headed Woodpecker | 88 | 1179 | Pike | (86) |
| Red-bellied Woodpecker | 95 | 2625 | DuPage | (188) |
| Yellow-bellied Sapsucker | 22 | 44 | Carroll | (11) |
| Downy Woodpecker | 94 | 2085 | DuPage | (216) |
| Hairy Woodpecker | 79 | 534 | Cook | *(64) |
| Northern Flicker | 90 | 1784 | DuPage | (189) |
| Pileated Woodpecker | 63 | 284 | Union | (30) |
| Olive-sided Flycatcher | 15 | 19 | 4 counties | (2) |
| Eastern Wood-Pewee | 81 | 773 | Union | (66) |
| Yellow-bellied Flycatcher | 2 | 2 | 2 counties | (1) |
| Acadian Flycatcher | 51* | 294 | Union | (49) |
| Alder Flycatcher | 1 | 1 | Clinton | (1) |
| Willow Flycatcher | 23 | 48 | Cook | (10) |
| Least Flycatcher | 61 | 358 | Cook | (50) |
| Eastern Phoebe | 95 | 1483 | Winnebago | (72) |
| Great Crested Flycatcher | 92 | 1915 | DuPage | (109) |
| Western Kingbird | 2 | 2 | 2 counties | (1) |
| Eastern Kingbird | 97 | 3810 | DuPage | *(219) |
| Loggerhead Shrike | 16 | 28 | Edwards | (6) |
| White-eyed Vireo | 73* | 679 | Union | (112) |
| Bell's Vireo | 24 | 65 | Johnson | (9) |
| Yellow-throated Vireo | 74 | 586 | DuPage | (59) |
| Blue-headed Vireo | 49 | 165 | Cook | (22) |
| Warbling Vireo | 90 | 1734 | DuPage | (141) |
| Philadelphia Vireo | 33 | 54 | 2 counties | (4) |
| Red-eyed Vireo | 83 | 1139 | DuPage | (95) |
| Blue Jay | 97 | 5843 | DuPage | (514) |
| American Crow | 96 | 5106 | Winnebago | (245) |
| Fish Crow | 17* | 193 | Alexander | (40) |
| Horned Lark | 89 | 1960 | Effingham | (114) |
| Purple Martin | 85 | 3262 | Pike | (261) |
| Tree Swallow | 92 | 14059 | Winnebago | (1201) |
| No. Rough-winged Swallow | 87 | 7241 | Cook | (995) |
| Bank Swallow | 69 | 4765 | Randolph | (476) |
| Cliff Swallow | 74* | 5422 | Monroe | (388) |
| Barn Swallow | 96 | 13040 | Winnebago | (1135) |
| Carolina Chickadee | 38 | 548 | Monroe | (74) |
| Black-capped Chickadee | 59 | 2936 | DuPage | (376) |
| Tufted Titmouse | 93 | 2150 | Union | (107) |
| Red-breasted Nuthatch | 12 | 34 | Kankakee | (13) |
| White-breasted Nuthatch | 96 | 1648 | DuPage | (108) |
| Brown Creeper | 29 | 44 | Jo Daviess | (4) |
| Carolina Wren | 87 | 1205 | Union | (80) |
| House Wren | 90 | 5778 | Winnebago | (437) |
| Sedge Wren | 31 | 103 | DuPage | (14) |
| Marsh Wren | 33 | 203 | DuPage | (58) |

**TABLE 7: Species Accounts for the 2009 Spring Bird Count (continued)**

| Species | Total Co.s | No. of Birds | High County | (Total) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Winter Wren | 6 | 8 | Will | (3) |
| Golden-crowned Kinglet | 2 | 2 | 2 counties | (1) |
| Ruby-crowned Kinglet | 59 | 451 | Cook | (83) |
| Blue-gray Gnatcatcher | 95* | 3992 | DuPage | *(492) |
| Eastern Bluebird | 97 | 3066 | Randolph | (149) |
| Veery | 67 | 498 | Cook | (217) |
| Gray-cheeked Thrush | 57 | 254 | Cook | (45) |
| Swainson's Thrush | 87 | 1665 | Cook | (322) |
| Hermit Thrush | 29 | 117 | Will | (25) |
| Wood Thrush | 87 | 894 | Cook | (47) |
| American Robin | 97 | 38940* | Cook | (3248) |
| Gray Catbird | 96 | 5715* | Cook | (609) |
| Northern Mockingbird | 74 | 514 | Richland | (36) |
| Brown Thrasher | 95 | 1914 | Knox | (85) |
| European Starling | 97 | 30035 | Cook | (2207) |
| American Pipit | 20 | 116 | Kendall | (32) |
| Cedar Waxwing | 60 | 2618 | DuPage | (439) |
| Blue-winged Warbler | 43 | 246 | Cook | (46) |
| Golden-winged Warbler | 52 | 309 | DuPage | (39) |
| Tennessee Warbler | 80 | 2533 | DuPage | (273) |
| Orange-crowned Warbler | 28 | 88 | Cook | (16) |
| Nashville Warbler | 82 | 1246 | Cook | (162) |
| Northern Parula | 84 | 936 | Union | (54) |
| Yellow Warbler | 87 | 3003 | DuPage | *(533) |
| Chestnut-sided Warbler | 76* | 862 | Cook | (130) |
| Magnolia Warbler | 66 | 618 | Cook | (143) |
| Cape May Warbler | 47 | 231 | Cook | (48) |
| Black-thr Blue Warbler | 13 | 45 | Cook | (26) |
| Yellow-rumped Warbler | 87 | 6024 | Cook | (898) |
| Black-thr Green Warbler | 74 | 855 | Cook | (167) |
| Blackburnian Warbler | 52 | 289 | DuPage | (46) |
| Yellow-throated Warbler | 43 | 153 | Jersey | (16) |
| Pine Warbler | 30 | 113 | Lake | *(33) |
| Prairie Warbler | 19 | 124 | Pope | (42) |
| Palm Warbler | 86 | 4884 | Cook | (1481) |
| Bay-breasted Warbler | 39 | 149 | Cook | (20) |
| Blackpoll Warbler | 73 | 572 | Cook | (71) |
| Cerulean Warbler | 27 | 57 | Carroll | (16) |
| Black-and-white Warbler | 87 | 917 | Cook | (194) |
| American Redstart | 87 | 1998* | Cook | (234) |
| Prothonotary Warbler | 59 | 422 | Union | (117) |
| Worm-eating Warbler | 31 | 79 | Union | (16) |
| Ovenbird | 78 | 842 | Cook | (164) |
| Northern Waterthrush | 74 | 925 | Cook | (220) |
| Louisiana Waterthrush | 52 | 181 | Union | (17) |
| Kentucky Warbler | 62# | 352 | Union | (47) |
| Mourning Warbler | 12 | 17 | Menard | (3) |
| Connecticut Warbler | 3 | 3 | 3 counties | (1) |
| Common Yellowthroat | 94 | 4482 | Cook | (331) |
| Hooded Warbler | 29* | 64 | Carroll | (15) |
| Wilson's Warbler | 30 | 83 | Cook | (18) |
| Canada Warbler | 15 | 29 | Cook | (8) |
| Yellow-breasted Chat | 67 | 513 | Union | (67) |
| Summer Tanager | 63* | 474 | Union | (40) |
| Scarlet Tanager | 87 | 1119 | DuPage | (167) |
| Eastern Towhee | 97 | 1953 | DuPage | *(196) |
| American Tree Sparrow | 1 | 3 | Cook | (3) |
| Chipping Sparrow | 97 | 6927 | Winnebago | (459) |
| Clay-colored Sparrow | 16 | 39 | 2 counties | (6) |
| Field Sparrow | 95 | 2751 | DuPage | (262) |
| Vesper Sparrow | 53 | 303 | Mercer | (45) |
| Lark Sparrow | 46 | 353* | Mason | (66) |
| Savannah Sparrow | 78 | 1330 | Cook | (303) |
| Grasshopper Sparrow | 71 | 576 | Carroll | (81) |
| Henslow's Sparrow | 30 | 157 | Cook | (25) |
| Song Sparrow | 91 | 5758 | Kane | *(844) |
| Lincoln's Sparrow | 40 | 172 | Cook | (46) |
| Swamp Sparrow | 59 | 641 | Cook | (88) |
| White-throated Sparrow | 87 | 2517 | Cook | (469) |
| Harris's Sparrow | 3 | 4 | Adams | (2) |
| White-crowned Sparrow | 93 | 4050 | Cook | (987) |
| Dark-eyed Junco | 4 | 4 | 4 counties | (1) |
| Northern Cardinal | 96 | 10553 | DuPage | (669) |
| Rose-breasted Grosbeak | 93 | 4085 | DuPage | (289) |
| Blue Grosbeak | 52* | 182 | Union | (18) |
| Indigo Bunting | 97 | 9466 | Union | (510) |
| Painted Bunting | 1# | 1 | Cass | (1) |
| Dickcissel | 82 | 3251 | Union | (296) |
| Bobolink | 66 | 2098 | Cook | (215) |
| Red-winged Blackbird | 97 | 62299 | McHenry | (4864) |
| Eastern Meadowlark | 97 | 4938 | Mercer | (309) |
| Western Meadowlark | 21 | 122 | Carroll | (30) |
| Yellow-headed Blackbird | 7 | 28 | 2 counties | (7) |
| Brewer's Blackbird | 2 | 10 | Lake | (9) |
| Common Grackle | 97 | 31267 | LaSalle | (1385) |
| Brown-headed Cowbird | 97 | 11844 | Cook | *(859) |
| Orchard Oriole | 87 | 795* | DuPage | (75) |
| Baltimore Oriole | 96 | 5304 | DuPage | *(587) |
| Purple Finch | 23 | 72 | McHenry | (12) |
| House Finch | 91 | 2183 | Winnebago | (155) |
| Red Crossbill | 2 | 5 | Mason | (3) |
| White-winged Crossbill | 1# | 3 | Lake | (3) |
| Pine Siskin | 43 | 385 | Hancock | (43) |
| American Goldfinch | 97 | 11704 | DuPage | (1028) |
| House Sparrow | 96 | 13669 | Cook | (1244) |
| Eurasian Tree Sparrow | 27# | 622* | Mason | (95) |
| **Exotics**: | | | | |
| [Ringed Turtle Dove | 0 | 0 | | (0)] |
| **New Records (*)** | **13** | **10** | | **13** |
| **Tied Records (#)** | **11** | **1** | | **2** |

ward – note that the highest count for a single county was 75 and that was in DuPage County.

• The Eurasian Tree Sparrow is now a regular species as far northeast as southern McLean County.

### Species Missed

As always, there are species that could-have or should-have been found that were missed. The Swainson's Hawk, as mentioned above, is one. Other species that would have enhanced the 2009 list include: Common Goldeneye, Eared Grebe, American Avocet, another godwit, the Whimbrel or a few more of the less common shorebirds, Great Black-backed Gull, Short-eared or Long-eared Owls, Scissor-tailed Flycatcher, Bewick's Wren, Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow, and Lapland Longspur. Of course, many county lists could have been enhanced as well had some of the local species known to be present been findable on count day.

**Table 8** provides county statistics. The columns from one to 10 are: county name; AREA of the state (1, 2, 3 or 4) in which the county occurs' the number of confirmed species identified; the number of countable birds reported; the number of participating birders in the county; the number of parties counting birds; the earliest and latest birding times; the number of party miles walked (W) and driven (D); the number of party hours walked (W) and driven (D); and the 2009 county compiler/coordinator.

### Documentations

The majority of birds requiring documentation were properly documented again this year; those documentations have been forwarded to the Illinois Ornithological Records Committee for the permanent file. Unfortunately, the documentations for several count species were not received as required; those records (along with poorly documented

**TABLE 8: 2009 County Statistics**

N.R. = No Report

| County | Number of Area | Number of Sp. | Birds | Number of Obs. | Ptys | TIME Start-End | Miles W/D | Hours W/D | County Compiler |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adams | 3 | 131 | 5446 | 15 | 9 | *0200-2400* | 9-366 | 13-42 | Al Dierkes |
| Alexander | 1 | 136 | 4390 | 7 | 3 | *0450-1925 | 8-300 | 7-26 | Ida Domazlicky |
| Bond | 2 | 80 | 2373 | 3 | 1 | 0600-2000 | 5-107 | 6-8 | Charley Marbut |
| Boone | 4 | 126 | 10001 | 28 | 17 | 0515-2000 | 74-326 | 69-17 | Arlene Brei |
| Brown | 3 | 155 | 3122 | 2 | 1 | *0300-1730 | 3-98 | 8-6 | Mike Ward |
| Bureau | 4 | 132 | 6482 | 2 | 2 | *0330-1830 | 7-184 | 11-13 | Doug Stotz |
| Calhoun | 2 | 120 | 6731 | 17 | 10 | *0445-2320* | 4-301 | 6-46 | Wilda Sutherland |
| Carroll | 4 | 146 | 6707 | 3 | 2 | *0230-1830 | 9-247 | 13-14 | Jeffrey Baughman |
| Cass | 3 | 141 | 3092 | 3 | 3 | *0430-2000 | 5-236 | 11-16 | Robert Randall |
| Champaign | 3 | 160 | 10827 | 43 | 24 | *0330-2200* | 80-452 | 99-24 | Beth Chato |
| Christian | 2 | 130 | 3138 | 7 | 4 | *0355-2330* | 20-269 | 39-14 | Clark Olson |
| Clark | 2 | N.R. | N.R. | N.R. | N.R. | N.R. | N.R. | N.R. | N.R. |
| Clay | 2 | 113 | 1711 | 3 | 2 | 0530-2000 | 3-151 | 3-8 | Terry Esker |
| Clinton | 2 | 164 | 5265 | 8 | 4 | *0000-2030 | 15-504 | 27-30 | Dan Kassebaum |
| Coles | 2 | 142 | 3752 | 12 | 8 | *0400-2130* | 21-123 | 10-29 | Tyler Funk |
| Cook | 4 | 198 | 40814 | 139 | 78 | *0430-2025 | 254-436 | 385-41 | Alan Anderson |
| Crawford | 2 | 100 | 3349 | 19 | 5 | 0530-2330* | 3-222 | 14-25 | Patricia Neighbors |
| Cumberland | 2 | 120 | 2246 | 9 | 5 | *0400-1945 | 9-118 | 14-12 | Larry Thorsen |
| De Kalb | 4 | 148 | 10466 | 21 | 8 | *0000-2230* | 40-398 | 54-31 | Darrell Shambaugh |
| De Witt | 3 | 115 | 1454 | 8 | 4 | 0530-2025 | 13-84 | 29-5 | Lynnette Miller-Ishmael |
| Douglas | 2 | 107 | 2289 | 2 | 1 | 0515-1600 | 10-100 | 7-4 | Mark Alessi |
| Du Page | 4 | 172 | 29844 | 125 | 48 | *0410-2100* | 237-479 | 310-30 | Robert Fisher |
| Edgar | 2 | 103 | 1963 | 2 | 1 | 0514-2020 | 3-170 | 2-13 | Craig Taylor |
| Edwards | 1 | 88 | 2931 | 8 | 4 | 0600-2000 | 5-101 | 8-13 | Elaine Michels |
| Effingham | 2 | 128 | 5850 | 10 | 6 | *0445-2130* | 24-210 | 40-15 | Mary Ann Hoefflinger |
| Fayette | 2 | 105 | 1496 | 11 | 7 | *0016-2200* | 19-123 | 20-7 | Kathy Stokes |
| Ford | 3 | 91 | 1735 | 3 | 1 | 0630-1800 | 10-25 | 8-3 | Michael Heimbuch |
| Franklin | 1 | 90 | 2836 | 6 | 3 | 0530-2000 | 8-162 | 15-21 | Bob Drennan |
| Fulton | 3 | 96 | 2239 | 9 | 3 | 0630-2030* | 6-133 | 8-16 | Helen J. Gasdorf |
| Gallatin | 1 | 103 | 877 | 1 | 1 | *0330-2100* | 3-92 | 8-6 | Ron Bradley |
| Greene | 2 | N.R. | N.R. | N.R. | N.R. | N.R. | N.R. | N.R. | N.R. |
| Grundy | 4 | 93 | 2588 | 7 | 4 | 0600-1900 | 15-93 | 17-9 | Diane Cooper |
| Hamilton | 1 | 120 | 2898 | 19 | 8 | *0400-2200* | 31-260 | 34-28 | Susan Bentrap Johnson |
| Hancock | 3 | 101 | 4251 | 10 | 5 | 0530-2230* | 6-294 | 7-36 | J. Michael Sallee |
| Hardin | 1 | 106 | 948 | 2 | 1 | 0525-2020 | 1-64 | 1-12 | Elizabeth Raikes |

records) had to be excluded from the report. With the aforementioned exclusions, the number of species printed in Table 8 for some counties may be lower than submitted by the county compilers. Although all county compilers have the authority to exclude normally expected species in their counties from the documentation requirement, they are urged not to waive too many species nor be lax in this requirement and to provide the appropriate list to all count participants in advance of count day to eliminate possible problems and the potential loss of countable birds after the count. Many thanks to all compilers who faithfully follow the instructions. Good photos always qualify as appropriate documentation.

**Economic Considerations**

For the fourth year I'm including an economic estimate of what birders donate to their local communities by participating in the Spring Bird Count. Birders spend a great deal of time and money in their pursuit of birds. It's still impossible to get exact figures and if anyone can provide better economic considerations, please share them. The three arbitrary standards used since 2006 and repeated here are an average value for a person's time – $18/hour; the price of gasoline (which, in 2009, averaged about $2.75 per gallon on count day) and 20 miles per gallon or the mileage reimbursement rate for using a vehicle (40 cents per mile); and the cost of food and beverages (average of $16 per person). In addition, there were several other figures that could and should be included in this compilation, i.e., motels or other overnight accommodations, variable pre- and post-count expenses, unrecorded mileage to and from the count site, equipment, apparel, etc. However, let's keep the listed figures to the three primary standards. Based on computations using Table 1, plus

**TABLE 8: 2009 County Statistics (continued)**

| County | Number of Area | Number of Sp. | Number of Birds | Number of Obs. | Ptys | TIME Start-End | Miles W/D | Hours W/D | County Compiler |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Henderson | 3 | 130 | 2374 | 6 | 4 | *0310-2130* | 11-102 | 18-16 | Chuck Leib |
| Henry | 4 | N.R. | N.R. | N.R. | N.R. | N.R. | N.R. | N.R. | N.R. |
| Iroquois | 3 | 101 | 2056 | 12 | 4 | 0600-2200* | 17-95 | 25-13 | William Burwell |
| Jackson | 1 | 124 | 1502 | 3 | 2 | 0540-1630 | 6-117 | 6-10 | Rhonda Rothrock |
| Jasper | 2 | 90 | 746 | 2 | 1 | *0500-1500 | 2-97 | 3-7 | Scott Simpson |
| Jefferson | 1 | N.R. | N.R. | N.R. | N.R. | N.R. | N.R. | N.R. | N.R. |
| Jersey | 2 | 129 | 4555 | 21 | 7 | *0410-1800 | 14-142 | 15-20 | Mary Jane Hoff |
| Jo Daviess | 4 | 146 | 11138 | 30 | 9 | *0230-1800 | 22-508 | 23-58 | Grace Storch |
| Johnson | 1 | 126 | 2225 | 6 | 3 | 0540-1830 | 6-202 | 13-14 | Ray Boehmer |
| Kane | 4 | 162 | 20830 | 51 | 22 | *0430-2145* | 129-393 | 171-30 | Jon Duerr |
| Kankakee | 4 | 158 | 7593 | 19 | 11 | *0330-2000 | 27-393 | 50-15 | David Atkinson |
| Kendall | 4 | 145 | 6959 | 14 | 8 | *0100-2100* | 43-182 | 58-9 | Keith Johnson |
| Knox | 3 | 158 | 7657 | 26 | 15 | *0000-2200* | 35-483 | 500-39 | Phil Reyburn |
| Lake | 4 | 176 | 13367 | 35 | 11 | *0220-2000 | 66-307 | 96-11 | Beau Schaefer |
| La Salle | 4 | 161 | 12545 | 27 | 14 | *0330-2030 | 45-899 | 59-79 | John D. McKee |
| Lawrence | 2 | 124 | 2773 | 8 | 3 | 0515-2330* | 6-237 | 9-22 | Julie St. John |
| Lee | 4 | 104 | 1528 | 7 | 4 | 0530-2030 | 9-16 | 17-2 | John Bivins |
| Livingston | 3 | 84 | 918 | 8 | 3 | 0600-1900 | 28-68 | 28-2 | Nancy Vial |
| Logan | 3 | 98 | 2999 | 15 | 7 | 0515-2030 | 5-98 | 5-39 | Margaret Lanterman |
| Macon | 3 | 129 | 2730 | 1 | 1 | 0600-1915 | 10-124 | 7-6 | Norman Jensen |
| Macoupin | 2 | 102 | 2767 | 5 | 3 | *0400-1800 | 7-138 | 8-14 | Vicki Hedrick |
| Madison | 2 | 144 | 4459 | 12 | 5 | *0345-2130* | 24-421 | 43-14 | Frank Holmes |
| Marion | 2 | 140 | 2017 | 3 | 2 | 0530-1900 | 6-121 | 8-5 | Terry Esker |
| Marshall | 3 | 110 | 2512 | 5 | 2 | 0530-1730 | 2-273 | 2-20 | Mark K. Hill |
| Mason | 3 | 160 | 6280 | 9 | 4 | *0330-1900 | 19-244 | 25-19 | Richard Bjorklund |
| Massac | 1 | N.R. | N.R. | N.R. | N.R. | N.R. | N.R. | N.R. | N.R. |
| McDonough | 3 | 148 | 9301 | 25 | 14 | *0455-2115* | 42-384 | 73-37 | David and Heidi Benson |
| McHenry | 4 | 158 | 20504 | 49 | 32 | *0445-2045* | 86-643 | 97-67 | Rob Gough |
| McLean | 3 | 132 | 4925 | 14 | 6 | 0600-1800 | 27-159 | 30-14 | Dale Birkenholz |
| Menard | 3 | 108 | 748 | 2 | 2 | 0550-2000 | 7-55 | 11-2 | Jim Herkert |
| Mercer | 4 | 150 | 10277 | 13 | 7 | *0155-2400* | 13-425 | 15-40 | Bill A. Bertrand |
| Monroe | 1 | 158 | 10253 | 10 | 6 | *0400-2000 | 18-296 | 15-24 | Mary Regan |
| Montgomery | 2 | 122 | 2861 | 7 | 3 | 0530-1940 | 12-158 | 24-11 | Mark Phipps, IDNR |
| Morgan | 2 | 149 | 6672 | 8 | 3 | 0530-2030 | 11-365 | 10-30 | Bill Atwood |
| Moultrie | 2 | 114 | 1848 | 2 | 2 | 0530-1715 | 8-139 | 11-5 | Eric Smith |

the added time and mileage required for everyone to drive to and from the count site, the nocturnal miles compilers time and expenses in preparing for and following up after the count, overnight accommodations, and other unlisted, but real expenses, the estimated economic input for the 2009 Spring Bird Count once again exceeds $250,000 and may be more than $300,000.

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**Here are dates of future counts:**

2010 = May 8th
2011 = May 7th
2012 = May 5th

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**TABLE 8: 2009 County Statistics (continued)**

| County | Number of Area | Number of Sp. | Number of Birds | Number of Obs. | Ptys | TIME Start-End | Miles W/D | Hours W/D | County Compiler |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ogle | 4 | 65 | 863 | 2 | 1 | 0700-1400 | 4-41 | 3-4 | Richie Wolf |
| Peoria | 3 | 101 | 2501 | 6 | 3 | 0530-1830 | 9-355 | 12-20 | Mike Miller |
| Perry | 1 | 105 | 724 | 1 | 1 | 0525-1630 | 5-26 | 5-3 | Brian Chandler |
| Piatt | 3 | 119 | 3880 | 14 | 9 | *0500-2200* | 29-97 | 35-11 | Charlene Anchor |
| Pike | 2 | 143 | 8157 | 27 | 13 | *0430-2200* | 24-443 | 15-55 | Evelyn Hoover |
| Pope | 1 | 108 | 2370 | 8 | 6 | 0600-1900 | 8-135 | 14-15 | Andrea Douglas |
| Pulaski | 1 | 115 | 2913 | 2 | 2 | 0830-2100* | 5-202 | 6-12 | Bob Lindsay, IDNR |
| Putnam | 4 | 92 | 2521 | 2 | 2 | *0330-1815 | 4-77 | 7-4 | Michelle Simone |
| Randolph | 1 | 134 | 3038 | 4 | 2 | *0410-1940 | 7-201 | 15-11 | Ann Sanders |
| Richland | 2 | 140 | 7824 | 8 | 7 | *0400-2230* | 22-527 | 22-49 | Frank E. Storment |
| Rock Island | 4 | 132 | 8089 | 17 | 7 | *0400-1630 | 26-408 | 24-32 | Tim Murphy |
| St. Clair | 1 | 141 | 5919 | 7 | 4 | *0515-2000 | 21-303 | 30-14 | Richard Call |
| Saline | 1 | 113 | 1648 | 4 | 1 | *0330-1900 | 6-92 | 8-4 | Tara Beveroth |
| Sangamon | 2 | 156 | 5070 | 11 | 6 | *0400-2100* | 23-184 | 29-14 | Joe Gardner |
| Schuyler | 3 | 67 | 1576 | 16 | 12 | 0530-2230* | 30-17 | 36-2 | Jack Ramsey |
| Scott | 2 | 131 | 1412 | 5 | 3 | 0545-1700 | 6-208 | 15-14 | Marlys Bandy |
| Shelby | 2 | 146 | 4266 | 10 | 8 | *0500-2300* | 28-208 | 35-21 | Karen Forcum |
| Stark | 3 | 112 | 1788 | 1 | 1 | *0450-1600 | 3-62 | 6-3 | Jeff Walk |
| Stephenson | 4 | 82 | 1578 | 4 | 2 | 0800-2200* | 6-37 | 10-6 | George Visel |
| Tazewell | 3 | 134 | 5249 | 9 | 5 | 0530-1930 | 29-364 | 39-39 | Thad Edmonds |
| Union | 1 | 152 | 6489 | 7 | 6 | *0200-2030 | 14-282 | 14-37 | Vernon Kleen |
| Vermilion | 3 | 141 | 7343 | 8 | 6 | *0430-2130* | 24-298 | 43-22 | Marilyn Campbell |
| Wabash | 1 | 37 | 99 | 2 | 1 | 0700-1800 | 1-20 | 3-6 | Jacqueline L. Hallam |
| Warren | 3 | 88 | 1901 | 8 | 7 | 0545-2000 | 14-137 | 20-11 | Lynn Schoonover |
| Washington | 1 | 102 | 825 | 10 | 4 | 0600-1930 | 5-66 | 20-2 | Martin Kemper |
| Wayne | 1 | 60 | 242 | 1 | 1 | *0200-2100* | 6-105 | 5-7 | George Rose |
| White | 1 | 86 | 1297 | 2 | 1 | 0600-1330 | 2-105 | 2-5 | Bob Shelby |
| Whiteside | 4 | 137 | 4292 | 13 | 6 | *0330-2030 | 20-342 | 22-32 | Charlene Knudten |
| Will | 4 | 152 | 15276 | 47 | 17 | 0530-1830 | 67-498 | 74-65 | Al Thomas |
| Williamson | 1 | 139 | 2788 | 2 | 1 | 0620-1720 | 7-86 | 6-4 | Vicki Lang-Mendenhall |
| Winnebago | 4 | 170 | 20571 | 43 | 22 | *0405-2145* | 153-696 | 176-47 | Jack Armstrong |
| Woodford | 3 | 150 | 5698 | 10 | 6 | 0530-2300* | 35-290 | 37-25 | Matt Winks |
| **Total** | | | **522,237** | **1,330** | **676** | **2,366-22,424** | **3,566-1,910** | | |

N.R. = No Report

# Field Notes:
## The 2009 Spring Migration

*by Travis A. Mahan*

*Field notes drawing of Solitary Sandpiper by Peter Olson.*

A total of 320 species were observed during the 2009 spring season spanning from February through June, including two non-established exotics. This year brought with it a number of exciting finds of species that are currently on the Illinois Review List: **Black-bellied Whistling-Ducks** in Pulaski Co. (2 on 6 May), Pope Co. (2 on 26 May), and Madison Co. (31 May-9 June); two **Barrow's Goldeneyes** in Cook Co. (a female on 14-26 Feb and a male on 8 March); **Brown Pelicans** in Madison Co. (11 May-July), Kane Co. (2 June), McHenry Co. (2-4 June), and Cook Co. (6 June); at least six **Anhingas** in Pulaski Co. (23 May); adult **Little Gulls** in Sangamon Co. (23 April) and Madison Co. (11-12 May); a **White-winged Dove** in Cook Co. (2 May); two **Common Ravens** in LaSalle Co. (3 March); **Bewick's Wrens** in Champaign Co. (14-15 March) and Adams Co. (21-26 May); a **Swainson's Warbler** in Cook Co. (10 May); a **Golden-crowned Sparrow** in Stephenson Co. (16-23 April); a **Western Tanager** in Cook Co. (1 May); a **Black-headed Grosbeak** in Winnebago Co. (23 May); and **Hoary Redpolls** in Cook Co. (through 3 March) and McLean Co. (through 5 March).

A Red-winged Blackbird observed on the second day of February marked the beginning of spring migration for the 2009 season, and by the end of the month, nearly 50 species were noted as spring arrivals. Almost half of this early movement was attributable to waterfowl, and among these was the aforementioned Barrow's Goldeneye – the most unusual migrant of the month. A strong push of migrants occurred with an intense low pressure system that crossed the state during the period of 9-13 February. This system brought unseasonably warm temperatures that exceeded averages by more than 20 degrees, heavy rain, and gusty south winds in excess of 50 mph in some areas. The last half of the month was marked with a series of warm fronts, yielding extended periods of southern winds that pushed nearly 80 percent of the month's migrants northward. During this period, record early Vesper Sparrows were noted in Franklin Co. (24 February) and Kankakee Co. (27 February).

March began with a stretch of atypically cold weather with below-freezing temperatures predominating all but the southern stretches of the state. Perhaps resulting from a combination of cold temperatures and migratory activity, record high counts of Common Redpolls were noted at feeders in early March in Cook Co. (100+ on 1 March) and Lake Co. (80 on 2 March). The frosty air was escorted from the region with the month's first warm front originating on 3 March. Following this time, much of the state entered a period of above-average temperatures lasting through 10 March. Southern Illinois reported daily high temperatures of nearly 80 degrees on 8 March. Some reports of statewide significance were noted during this first warm period, including a record high of 25 White-breasted Nuthatches in Pulaski Co. (2 March) and record early Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers in Champaign and St. Clair Counties on 6 March. The mercury dropped to below-normal temperatures as the back end of a strong low pressure system passed through the state on 10-11 March. Temperatures slowly recovered and reached a peak at over 70 degrees in the Chicago area by 17 March, which was nealry 30 degrees above normal. Suitable migratory conditions through this period were evidenced by a record high count of 13 Red-throated Loons tallied in Lake Co. on 16 March, a record early Dunlin in Clinton Co. on 16 March, and a record early Louisiana Waterthrush found singing in Massac Co. on 15 March. Another mass of warm air provided above-average temperatures through the period of 21-24 March with highs reaching 75 degrees in central and southern Illinois on 24 March. Not surprisingly, this system yielded some record early arrivals, including a Spotted Sandpiper on 23 March (Madison Co), two Caspian Terns on 24 March in different locations along the Lake Michigan lakefront (Cook Co), and a Palm Warbler on 23 March (Clinton Co). A moderate low pressure system finished out the month of March and brought heavy rains and a small flock of four record early Lark Sparrows on 26 March (Adams Co). Also noted at the month's end was the largest non-aerial spring high count of 3,500 Gadwall in Brown Co. on 31 March.

April weather was in constant flux. Consecutive low pressure systems throughout the month left plenty of wind and significant volumes of rain, but overall temperatures remained about normal through the first half of the month. Despite normal temperatures, record early arrivals followed two low pressure systems at the beginning of April, including a Piping Plover in St. Clair Co. on 3-4 April and a Clay-colored Sparrow in Lake Co. on 6 April. The latter half of the month provided several days with above-average temperatures that ranged in the low 80s. A fairly weak warm front pushed a record early Semipalmated Sandpiper into Champaign Co. on 18 April. The warmest period in April occurred with fairly constant south winds from about 22-27 April, where record early arrivals were noted for White-rumped Sandpiper (23 April in Knox Co) and Olive-sided Flycatcher (25 April in Adams Co).

Overall, May was similar to April in that temperatures remained about average through the first half of the month; however, there were a couple systems that yielded some rain and shifting winds. In southern Illinois, specifically Jackson and Union Counties, a devastating, large-scale storm system called a derecho ripped through the area on 8 May that brought very heavy rain and winds in excess of 100 mph. The derecho also promoted a flurry of tornadic activity throughout the region. Large numbers of old trees were uprooted or broken as a result of this storm, which will be evident for many years to come. For the most part, weather cooperated for the statewide spring bird count held on 9 May; however, for those in the region impacted by the derecho, downed trees, limbs, and powerlines prevented safe travel for good count coverage. Another intense low pressure system on 12-14 May dumped more than two inches of rain upon central Illinois. More rain followed on a warm front that hit the state from 15-17 May, yielding a record late Red-throated Loon in Will Co. on 16 May. A warming trend persisted after 18 May that contributed south winds and above average temperatures for much of the state through 24 May. Northern Illinois saw heavy rains of over 1.5 inches on 26 May as a broad low pressure system slowly passed through the state. An additional minor warm front was the last weather disturbance of the month. A number of significant reports were collected at the end of May, including record late departures for Ross's Goose (31 May in Cook Co) and Red-necked Grebe (27 Apr-29 May in Knox Co) and record high counts for Snowy Egret (200 on 30 May in Alexander Co) and Canada Warbler (42 on 30 May in Cook Co).

More than 80 species were noted as June migrants, and a good number of species were record late, including an adult male Surf Scoter that remained along the Lake Michigan lakefront from 18 May through 5 June (Cook Co), a Yellow-throated Vireo on 20 June (Cook Co), a Blue-gray Gnatcatcher on 12 June (Cook Co), a male Northern Waterthrush on 10 June (Cook Co), a singing Mourning Warbler on 29 June (Cook Co), a male Hooded Warbler on 7 June (Lake Co), and a Dark-eyed Junco that lingered at a feeding station from 30 May through 9 June (Cook Co).

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**The following abbreviations have been used throughout this report:**

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| EA | earliest arrival(s) |
| MC | maximum count(s) |
| LD | latest departure(s) |
| * | documented record |
| m.ob. | many observers |
| :ph | photographed |
| ad. | adult(s) |
| imm. | immature(s) |
| 1st/2nd/... | first plumage year/ second plumage year/... |
| Btm(s) | Bottom(s) |
| CA | Conservation Area |
| CF | Conservation Forest |
| Co(s) | County (Counties) |
| Crk | Creek |
| FP | Forest Preserve |
| Gr(s) | Grassland(s) |
| L | Lake |
| L&D | Lock & Dam (Mississippi River) |
| LWR | Land & Water Reserve |
| M | Marsh |
| NC | Nature Center |
| NWR | National Wildlife Refuge |
| P | Park |
| Pr | Prairie |
| (N)Psv | (Nature) Preserve |
| R | River |
| Rd(s) | Road(s) |
| SF | State Forest |
| SFWA | State Fish & Wildlife Area |
| SHS | State Historic Site |
| SNA | State Natural Area |
| SP | State Park |
| Twp | Township |
| U | University |
| Wds | Woods |
| WF | Wildlife Foundation |

Transparent directionals (n. = north(ern), ne. = northeast(ern), etc.), and including c. = central, are used where applicable. Words referring to natural features are generally not abbreviated in names of residential communities (thus, Forest Park, Fall Creek, Garden Prairie, etc.).

Headings for species requiring IORC (Illinois Ornithological Records Committee) review in parts of Illinois or in some plumages are underlined, while those for species requiring review of all records are CAPITALIZED AND UNDERLINED. Records pending IORC review are enclosed in square brackets [ ]. The IORC review list can be viewed at the IOS/IORC website, http://www.illinoisbirds.org/iorc.html. Noteworthy dates and sites of occurrence and remarkably high counts for the state as a whole or for particular regions of the state are underlined and boldfaced, and some further editorial remarks are boldfaced.

Remarks on the historical significance of records aim to be valid for the corpus of data published in H. David Bohlen's 1989 Birds of Illinois and the seasonal summaries in the Illinois journals Illinois Birds and Birding (summer 1984 - spring 1991) and Meadowlark (summer 1991 - present). Data from other sources may have bearing on the validity of these remarks..

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| Adams Sanctuary | Adams Wildlife Sanctuary (Sangamon Co) |
| American Btms | American Btms (Monroe Co) |
| Bellrose Rsv | Frank Bellrose Waterfowl Reserve (Pulaski Co) |
| Busey Wds | Busey Woods, Urbana (Champaign Co) |
| Carl.B/C/F | Carlyle Lake (Bond/Clinton/Fayette Co) |
| Chau | Chautauqua National Wildlife Refuge (Mason Co) |
| Chi | Chicago (Cook Co) (see also JP, Linc.P, LCal, Montrose H, NPond) |
| Crab Or. | Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge (Williamson Co) |
| (L) Decatur | (Lake) Decatur (Macon Co) |
| E Cape Girardeau | East Cape Girardeau (Alexander Co) |
| Fermilab | Fermilab National Accelerator Laboratory (Du Page Co) |
| Ft Massac | Fort Massac State Park (Massac Co) |
| Guzy Pr | "Guzy Prairie" = Margaret Guzy Pothole Wetlands Land and Water Reserve (Shelby Co) |
| Hennepin L | Hennepin-Hopper Lake Restoration Area (Putnam Co) |
| Heron Pond NPsv | Heron Pond-Wildcat Bluff Nature Preserve, Upper Cache River unit, Cache River State Natural Area (Johnson Co) |
| HL | Horseshoe Lake State Park (Madison Co) |
| IBSP | Illinois Beach State Park (Lake Co) |
| IL | Illinois |
| JP | Jackson Park and vicinity, Chicago (Cook Co) |
| Kankakee | Kankakee (Kankakee Co) |
| Kankakee R SP | Kankakee River State Park (Kankakee Co) |
| Larue-Pine Hills | Larue-Pine Hills Research Natural Area (Union Co) |
| LCal | Lake Calumet area (s. Cook Co) |
| LeVasseur P | LeVasseur Park, Kankakee (Kankakee Co) |
| Linc.P | Lincoln Park, Chicago (Cook Co) (see also Montrose H) |
| Lyons Wds | Lyons Woods Forest Preserve (Lake Co) |
| Mackinaw Bluffs | Mackinaw Bluffs Corridor (Woodford Co) |
| Mazonia SFWA | Mazonia-Braidwood State Fish & Wildlife Area (Grundy Co) |
| Mel Price Dam | Melvin Price Locks & Dam (Madison Co, Illinois / St. Charles Co, Missouri) |
| Mermet L | Mermet Lake State Park (Massac Co) |
| Midewin Pr | Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie (Will Co) |
| Miss. R | Mississippi River (various counties) |
| Momence Wetlands | Momence Wetlands Nature Preserve (Kankakee Co) |
| Montrose H | Montrose Harbor, Lincoln Park, Chicago (Cook Co) |
| NPond | North Pond (including regular group bird surveys), Lincoln Park, Chicago (Cook Co) |
| N Pt Marina | North Point Marina, Winthrop Harbor (Lake Co) |
| Palos | Palos area forest preserves (sw. Cook Co) |
| Peabody SFWA | Peabody River King State Fish & Wildlife Area (St. Clair Co) |
| Pembroke Twp | Pembroke Township (Kankakee Co) |
| Pomona | Pomona (Jackson Co) |
| PrRdg | Prairie Ridge State Natural Area (Jasper Co unless specified) |
| Rock Cut | Rock Cut State Park (Winnebago Co) |
| Rockfd | Rockford (Winnebago Co) |
| Rollins Sav | Rollins Savanna Forest Preserve (Lake Co) |
| Salt Crk Wds | Salt Creek (Bob Mann) Woods Nature Preserve (w. Cook Co) |
| Santa Fe Btms | Santa Fe Bottoms (s. Clinton Co) |
| Sgmn Co | Sangamon Co |
| Siloam Springs | Siloam Springs State Park (Adams/Brown Cos) |
| Urb. | Urbana (Champaign Co) |
| Victoria | Victoria (Knox Co) |
| Wauk. | Waukegan (Lake Co) |
| Wbgo Co | Winnebago Co |
| Winthrop H | Winthrop Harbor (Lake Co) |
| Woodford SFWA | Woodford State Fish & Wildlife Area (Woodford Co) |

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# 2009 Spring Field Notes

*Black-bellied Whistling-Duck. Horseshoe Lake, Madison County. 31 May 2009. Photo by Frank Holmes.*

## BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK

**EA**: 6 May (2), Bellrose Rsv (MML:ph). 31 May-9Jun, Madison Co (GN,FRH:ph). [**Others**: 26 May (2), Pope Co].

### Greater White-fronted Goose

**EA**: 14 Feb (39), Shabbona L (De Kalb Co) (DTW); 14 Feb (8), Clinton L (EWW); 20 Feb (32), Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 4 Mar (7), Kendall Co (CAT); 6 Mar, Independence Grove FP (Lake Co) (JWL); 6 Mar (2), Montrose H (GAW). **MC**: **5000**, Whiteside Co, 10 Mar (MJB); 3500, Zuma Crk (Rock Island Co), 20 Mar (SMF); 1500, Woodford SFWA, 7 Mar (MJW); 1050, Hennepin L, 6 Mar (DFS); 585, Paytonville (Grundy Co), 21 Mar (EWW); 500+, L Decatur dredge ponds, 4 Mar (TAM, MFD); 100, Porter Btms (Pulaski Co), 2 Mar (MML); 37, Chau, 12 Mar (RG&SNB); 18, Fermilab, 12 Mar (CAT). **LD**: **29 May**, Rollins Sav (JSS); 12 May, w. of Victoria (MJB); 23 Apr (103), se. of Naples (Scott Co) (LLH); 22 Apr, Horseshoe L CA (Alexander Co) (KAM, MSS).

### Snow Goose

**EA**: 9 Mar (61), Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 12 Mar (19), Fermilab (CAT). **MC**: **300,000**, Carl.C, 22 Feb, 2 & 7 Mar (KAM, DMK); **14,006** (7721 white morph, 6285 blue morph), Chau, 6 Mar (RG&SNB); 100, Hennepin L, 21 Mar (EWW). **LD**: 30 May (2 injured), Carl.C (DMK); 13 May (blue morph), Miss. R (Madison Co) (MJB).

### Ross's Goose

**EA**: 15 Feb, Bayles L (Iroquois Co) (EWW); 5 Mar, Kankakee Co (JBH); 6 Mar, Liberty Pr (Lake Co) (JWL); 7 Mar (2), Freeport (Stephenson Co) (DTW); 9 Mar, Blue Island (Cook Co) (WJM); 12 Mar, Fermilab (CAT); 16 Mar (2), s. Rock Island Co (SMF). **MC**: **30+**, Bellrose Rsv, 5 Mar (KAM); 5, Zuma Crk (Rock Island Co), 22 Mar (EWW); 4, Carl.C, 7 & 14 Mar (DMK, MSS); 2, Mazonia SFWA, 9 & 12 Mar (JBH); 2, e. of Victoria, 9 Mar (MJB, DJM). **LD**: **31 May** (ad.), Harborside International Golf Course, LCal (*WJM) – **record late date** (previously 17 May 2002); 9 May, e. Kankakee Co (JBH:ph); 5 & 10 Apr (2), Richland Co (CLH); 21 Mar, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 21 Mar, Modena (Stark Co) (EWW).

### Cackling Goose

**EA**: 14 Feb (12), (EWW); 24 Feb (2), Kankakee Co (JBH); 26 Feb (9), Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH); 28 Feb (12), Durand (Wbgo Co) (DTW); 6 Mar (4), Zuma Crk (Rock Island Co) (EWW). **MC**: 17, White Oak P, Bloomington (McLean Co), 17 Mar (MJW). **LD**: 16 Apr, HL (FRH); 14 Apr (4), w. of Victoria (MJB). **Others**: 12 Mar (3), Fermilab (CAT).

### Canada Goose

**EA**: 18 Feb (38), NPond (GAW); 20 Feb (170), Mazonia SFWA (JBH). **MC**: 1408, Fermilab, 12 Mar (CAT); 518, Kendall Co, 1 Mar (CAT); 215, Montrose H, 5 Mar (GAW); 209, Chau, 6 Mar (RG&SNB); 74, Edgar Co, 14 Mar (CAT, TLK). **LD**: 30 May (69+), Wauk. (EWW).

### Mute Swan

**EA**: 5 Mar (5), Montrose H (RDH); 14 Mar, Edgar Co (CAT, TLK); 8-21 Apr (2), Rock Cut (LGB, DTW). **MC**: 3 (ad.), Rock Cut, 22 Apr-21 May (LGB, DTW). **Others**: 1 Mar, Channahon (Will Co) (KAM, DMK); 27 Apr, Burnham M, LCal (CAT); 9 May, e. Kankakee Co (JBH); 23 May, McHenry Co (CAT et al.).

### Trumpeter Swan

**EA**: 17 Mar (3), El Paso Twp (Woodford Co) (MJW); 28 Mar, Hennepin L (CAT, TLK); 22-29 Mar (imm.), HL (FRH). **MC**: 13, Madison Co, 1 Mar (KAM, DMK); 10 (1 with yellow neck collar), Champaign (Champaign Co), 10 Mar (BO); 6, near Shadow L (Henry Co), 15 Mar (EWW). **Others**: 1 Mar (3), Channahon (Will Co) (KAM, DMK); 21 Mar (ad.), Marshall SFWA (Marshall Co) (EWW); 27 & 30 Apr (pair at nest), Savanna (Carroll Co) (AS, EWW); 17 May (2), Upper Spring L (Carroll Co) (EWW).

### Tundra Swan

**EA**: 15 Mar (5), near Shadow L (Henry Co) (EWW); 18 Mar (18), Minonk Twp (Woodford Co) (MJW). **MC**: 19, Woodford SFWA, 16 Mar (MJW). **LD**: 21 Mar (2), Starved Rock SP (La Salle Co) (EWW).

### Wood Duck

**EA**: 18 Feb (13), NPond (GAW); 21 Feb (23), Kankakee Co (JBH); 7 Mar (4), Durand (Wbgo Co) (DTW); 14 Mar (2), Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co) (JSA). **MC**: 93, American Btms, 6 May (CC&PPD); 45, Union Co CA, 5 Mar (KAM); 34, e. Kankakee Co, 9 May (JBH); 32, Chau, 17 Apr (RG&SNB); 23 (two broods), NPond, 6 May (GAW); 14, Ridott (Stephenson Co), 21 Mar (DTW).

### Gadwall

**EA**: 6 Mar (4), Rock Cut (DTW); 9 Mar (4), Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 11 Mar, McDonough Co (LLH); 4 Apr (4), Huntley (McHenry Co) (RAM); 13 Apr (male), JP (PRC). **MC**: **3500**, n. Brown Co, 31 Mar (MJB) – **record spring high count** excluding aerial survey data; 800, Woodford SFWA, 16 Mar (MJW); 675 (migrants in flight), n. of New Athens (St. Clair Co), 16 Mar (TJD); 325, Bellrose Rsv, 31 Mar (KAM); 30, Kidd L M SNA (Monroe Co), 26 Apr (CC&PPD); 16, Grundy Co, 13 Mar (CAT, TLK), 6, Chau, 6 Mar (RG&SNB). **LD**: 24 May-**2 Jun** (pair), LCal (WJM); 24 May, Dickson Mounds (Fulton Co) (KAM); 23 May (6), Rollins Sav (KAM, MSS, TLK, CAT); 17 May (2), Santa Fe Btms (DMK, MSS).

### American Wigeon

**EA**: 4 Mar (3), n. of Lenzburg (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 6 Mar (2), Rock Cut (DTW); 9 Mar (4), Mazonia SFWA (JBH). **MC**: 70, Woodford SFWA, 16 Mar (MJW); 44, Bellrose Rsv, 15 Mar (KAM, DMK, MSS); 40, Carl. C, 2 Mar (DMK); 40, Green R CA (Lee Co), 13 Mar (DTW); 20, Montrose H, 3 Apr (RDH); 16, Chau, 6 Mar (RG&SNB). **LD**: 26 Apr, Montrose H (RDH); 18 Apr, Bellrose Rsv (KAM); 18 Apr, Carl.C (DMK, MSS).

### American Black Duck

**EA**: 18 Feb (2), NPond (GAW); 20 Feb (2), Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 11 Mar (2), nw. of Bardolph (McDonough Co) (LLH). **MC**: 7, Chau, 6 Mar (RG&SNB). **LD**: 3 May, LaBagh Wds FP, Chi (MJB); 3 Apr, Montrose H (RDH); 22 Mar (2), HL (FRH); 15 Mar (2), Easter Slough (Pulaski Co) (KAM, DMK, MSS).

### Mallard

**EA**: 18 Feb (215), NPond (GAW); 20 Feb (34), Mazonia SFWA (JBH). **MC**: 6000, Carl.C, 2-7 Mar (DMK); 1000+, Bellrose Rsv, 15 Mar (KAM, DMK, MSS); 360, Grundy Co, 13 Mar (CAT, TLK); 315, Woodford Co, 19 Mar (MEF); 215, Linc.P, as above (GAW); 46, Chau, 6 Mar (RG&SNB).

### Blue-winged Teal

**EA**: 5 Mar (2), Union Co (KAM); 6 Mar (5), Fairmont City (St. Clair Co) (KAM); 7 Mar, Urb. (GSL, EJC); 8 Mar, Wabash Co (CLH); 11 Mar (3), nw. of Bardolph (McDonough Co) (LLH); 13 Mar (4), Grundy Co (CAT, TLK); 21 Mar (male), Paul Douglas FP, Hoffman Estates (Cook Co) (GAW); 21 Mar (6), Green R CA (Lee Co) (DTW); 24 Mar (3), Montrose H (GAW); 9 Apr (15), Union (McHenry Co) (RAM). **MC**: 600, Bellrose Rsv, 3 Apr (MML); 400, Carl. C, 12 Apr (DMK, MSS); 57, Winthrop H, 26 Apr (EWW). **LD**: 14 Jun (pair), JP (PRC, KMC); 14 May (2), Montrose H (DKA). **Other** (apparent Cinnamon Teal x Blue-winged Teal hybrid): 16-18 Apr, Des Plaines CA (Will Co) (TA, GAJ, AFS, MLT:ph, CMA, PM).

### Northern Shoveler

**EA**: 25 Feb (6 - 5 males, 1 female), Linc.P (JHP); 5 Mar (8), Bird P quarry (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 7 Mar (2), Ridott (Stephenson Co) (DTW); 4 Apr (38), Huntley (McHenry Co) (RAM). **MC**: **5000**, Thompson L, Emiquon NWR (Fulton Co), 26 Mar (MJB, KBR); 2000, Bellrose Rsv, 3 Apr (MML); 1200, Carl.C, 22 Mar & 4 Apr (DMK, MSS); 725, Crab Or., 15 Mar (KAM, DMK, MSS); 459, Woodford Co, 2 Apr (CAT); 90, nw. Henry Co, 4 Apr (EWW); 65, Mazonia SFWA, 12 Mar (JBH); 23, Spring Bluff FP (Lake Co), 28 Mar & 21 Apr (EWW); 19, Montrose H, 6 Mar (GAW); 14, Chau, 6 Mar (RG&SNB). **LD**: 30 May, Old Galena & Spillman Rds (Peoria Co) (MHB); 29 May (female), LeVasseur P (JBH); 26 May (2), Santa Fe Btms (DMK, MSS); 23 May, Rollins Sav (KAM, MSS, TLK, CAT); 26 Apr (6), Montrose H (RDH).

### Northern Pintail

**EA**: 22 Feb (10), Carl.C (KAM); 7 Mar (60), Ridott (Stephenson Co) (DTW); 12 Mar (32), Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 13 Mar (38), Grundy Co (CAT, TLK); 16 Mar (14), Montrose H (RDH); 4 Apr (4), Huntley (McHenry Co) (RAM). **MC**: 2000, Carl.C, 2 Mar (DMK); 700, Woodford SFWA, 1 Mar (MJW); 330, Whiteside Co, 10 Mar (MJB); 112, Bellrose Rsv, 5 Mar (KAM); 5, Chau, 6 Mar (RG&SNB). **LD**: 21 May (2), Hennepin L (KAM, MSS); 3 Apr (20), Montrose H (RDH).

### Green-winged Teal

**EA**: 22 Feb (4), Santa Fe Btms (KAM); 6 Mar, Rock Cut (DTW); 6 Mar (3), Evanston (Cook Co) (GAW); 7 Mar, Urb. (GSL). **MC**: 835, Woodford Co, 2 Apr (CAT); 400, Carl.C, 14 & 21 Mar (DMK, MSS); 320+, Union Co, 5 Mar (KAM); 80, Nygren Wetland Psv, Rockton (Wbgo Co), 11 Apr (DTW, LGB); 64, Clinton L (DeWitt Co), 13 Mar (MEF); 52, Mazonia SFWA, 12 Mar (JBH); 13, Chau, 27 Mar (RG&SNB). **LD**: 21 May, Hennepin L (KAM, MSS); 18 May (male), Spring Bluff FP (Lake Co) (EWW); 17 May (2 males), Annawan (Henry Co) (EWW); 9 May, Carl.C (DMK, KAM); 9 May (2), e. Kankakee Co (JBH); 26 Apr, Bellrose Rsv (MML); 26 Apr (2), Montrose H (RDH).

### Canvasback

**EA**: 25 Feb (2), Montrose H (JHP), 7 Mar (13), Ridott (Stephenson Co) (DTW); 13 Mar (25), Grundy Co (CAT, TLK). **MC**: 2000, Carl.C, 2 Mar (DMK); 540+, Thompson Causeway (Carroll Co), 6 Mar (EWW); 424, Hennepin L, 28 Mar (CAT, TLK); 85, Woodford SFWA, 21 Mar (DJS); 81, Freeport (Stephenson Co), 7 Mar (DTW); 80+, Channahon (Will Co), 1 Mar (KAM, DMK); 75, Montrose H, 3 Apr (RDH); 11, Chau, 6 Mar (RG&SNB). **LD**: 5 May, Two Rivers NWR (Calhoun Co) (EWW); 23 Apr (male), se. of Naples (Scott Co)

(LLH); 23 Apr (2 males), w. of Havana (Fulton Co) (LLH); 8 Apr, Rend L (Franklin/Jefferson Cos) (KAM).

### Redhead

**EA**: 22 Feb (2), Montrose H (GAW); 25 Feb (2), Carl.C (KAM); 7 Mar (5), Ridott (Stephenson Co) (DTW); 7 Mar (2), Kankakee R SP (JBH). **MC**: 1000, Woodford SFWA, 16 Mar (MJW); 300, Montrose H, 3 Apr (RDH); 200, near Dickson Mounds (Fulton Co), 26 Mar (MJB, KBR); 34, Clear L (Mason Co), 12 Mar (RG&SNB); 20, Carl.C, 2 Mar (DMK). **LD**: 25 May, L&D #14 (Rock Island Co) (SMF); 24 May (male), Emiquon NWR (Fulton Co) (KAM, MSS); 6 May, NPond (GAW); 22 Mar, Carl.C (DMK, MSS).

### Ring-necked Duck

**EA**: 28 Feb (3 males), e. of Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH); 6 Mar (11), Rock Cut (DTW); 7 Mar (3), Curtis Rd (Champaign Co) (SR). **MC**: 1000, Woodford SFWA, 21 Mar (DJS); 400, Carl.C, 2 Mar (DMK); 300+, Mermet L, 15 Mar (KAM, DMK, MSS); 150, Green R CA (Lee Co), 13 Mar (DTW); 8, Montrose H, 3 Apr (RDH). **LD**: 23 May, Rollins Sav (KAM, MSS, CAT, TLK); 21 May, Hennepin L (KAM, MSS); 25 Apr, Grassy L (Union Co) (KAM, MSS); 29 Mar (4), Carl.C (DMK, MSS).

### Greater Scaup

**EA**: 22 Feb, Montrose H (GAW); 25 Feb (12), Carl.C (KAM); 6 Mar (ad. male), Rock Cut (DTW); 24 Mar, LeVasseur P (JBH). **MC**: 400, Montrose H, 3 Apr (RDH); 155, Wauk., 26 Apr (EWW); 24, Ridott (Stephenson Co), 21 Mar (DTW); 20, Des Plaines R (Will Co), 1 Mar (DMK, KAM); 20, Carl.C, 2 Mar (DMK). **LD**: 31 May-1 Jun (ad. female), LCal (WJM); 12 May, Whalon L (Will Co) (JAS); 24 Apr (11), JP (KMC); 18 Apr (pair), Mermet L (KAM); 12 Apr, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 11 Apr (4), Shirland (Wbgo Co) (DTW, LGB).

### Lesser Scaup

**EA**: 25 Feb, Montrose H (ABB); 7 Mar (2), Champaign Co (SR); 7 Mar (14), Kankakee R SP (JBH). **MC**: 4000, Woodford SFWA, 21 Mar (DJS); 765, Quincy Bay (Adams Co), 21 Mar (AGD); 700+, Zuma Crk (Rock Island Co), 22 Mar (EWW); 690, Clear L (Mason Co), 6 Mar (RG&SNB); 400, Carl.C, 2 & 22 Mar (DMK, MSS); 378, Ridott (Stephenson Co), 21 Mar (DTW); 300, Montrose H, 3 Apr (RDH). **LD**: 30 May, Thompson L, Emiquon NWR (Fulton Co) (JAS); 27 May (male), Monmouth sewage lagoons (Warren Co) (PJR); 25 May, L&D #14 (Rock Island Co) (SMF); 16 May, Farina (Fayette Co) (DMK, MSS); 16 May, Freeport (Stephenson Co) (EWW); 15 May, sw. Jackson Co (CLH, VMK et al.); 11 May (3), JP (CBA). **Other**: 5 Apr (albinistic female), Sgmn Co (HDB).

### Harlequin Duck

**EA**: 17 Mar (ad. male), Wauk. (NAL:ph).

### Surf Scoter

**EA**: 24 Feb (male), Pratt Beach, Chi (TBL); 4-8 Mar, Linc.P (JWL, GAW, DKA et al.); 14 Mar (pair), Rend L (Franklin Co) (LS); 30 Apr (male), HL (KAM). **LD**: 18 May-**5 Jun** (ad. male), Humboldt P, Chi (SBB:ph, WJM et al.) - **record late date** by one day; **24 May** (ad. male), near Arlington (Bureau Co) (MAM).

### White-winged Scoter

**EA**: 17 Feb, Montrose H (DK); 24 Feb (female), Pratt Beach, Chi (TBL); 1-5 Mar, East Fork L (Richland Co) (CLH); 7 Mar, Kankakee R SP (JBH); 21 Mar (imm. male), Paytonville (Grundy Co) (EWW). **MC**: 18, Montrose H, 2 Apr (RDH); 5, Montrose H, 26 Mar (JBH). **LD**: 8 May, Montrose H (JSA, JRS); 21 Apr-29 May, Whalon L (Will Co) (MAM, KAM, CAT, JAS). **Others**: 1 Mar, Loyola P, Chi (KAM, DMK); 17 Mar (2), Montrose H (MJB); 21 Apr (pair), Whalon L (Will Co) (JAS). **Remarks**: Many reports varying in number from one to 18 individuals in the Linc.P area from Feb-May.

### Black Scoter

**EA**: 21-28 Mar (female), Rend L (Franklin Co) (LS).

### Dark-winged Scoter, sp?

**MC**: 4, Montrose H, 31 Mar (RDH).

### Long-tailed Duck

**EA**: 2 Mar (female), Montrose H (LGM). **MC**: 135, IBSP, 16 Mar (DFS). **LD**: 19-22 Mar (male), Lemont quarries (Will Co) (JAS, CMA); 1 Mar (2), Calumet P, Chi (JRRS, PAM).

### Bufflehead

**EA**: 28 Feb, Loyola P, Chi (GAW); 7 Mar (6), Ridott (Stephenson Co) (DTW); 7 Mar (2), Kankakee R SP (JBH). **MC**: 65, HL, 8 Mar (FRH); 38, Rochelle (Ogle Co), 4 Apr (EWW); 30, Mermet L, 15 Mar (KAM, DMK, MSS); 28, Chau, 6 Mar (RG&SNB); 7, Montrose H, 26 Mar (GAW). **LD**: 17 May (female), Sgmn Co (HDB); 7 May, HL (FRH); 3 May (2), Kingston Mines (Peoria Co) (TAM, DMK, MSS); 3 May, JP (PRC); 22 Apr (female), Mermet L (KAM, MSS); 22 Apr (pair), Crab Or. (KAM, MSS); 22 Apr (7), River Bend FP (Champaign Co) (MML); 22 Apr, LeVasseur P (JBH).

### Common Goldeneye

**EA**: 23 Feb, Kankakee Co (JBH) 2 Mar (67), Linc.P (GAW). **MC**: 170, Montrose H, 8 Mar (GAW); 68, Chau, 6 Mar (RG&SNB); 21, Kankakee R SP, 7 Mar (JBH). **LD**: **6 Jun** (male), Wolf L, LCal (WJM); **30 May** (2 ad.), L&D #14 (Rock Island Co) (SMF); 19 Apr, JP (PRC); 5 Apr, Kane Co (CAT); 15 Mar (12), Mermet L (KAM, DMK, MSS).

### BARROW'S GOLDENEYE

**EA**: 14-26 Feb (female), Loyola P, Chi (SGS:ph, BAH:ph, NAL:ph, MSn:ph, GN:ph; et al.); 8 Mar (ad. male), Montrose H (RDH, *GAW et al.).

### Hooded Merganser

**EA**: 18 Feb (3), NPond (GAW); 21 Feb (5), Kankakee Co (JBH); 22 Feb (3), Santa Fe Btms (KAM); 28 Feb (5), Ridott (Stephenson Co) (DTW); 2 Mar (5), Quincy Bay (Adams Co) (AGD). **MC**: 60+, Rend L (Franklin/Jefferson Cos), 15 Mar (KAM, DMK, MSS); 32, Kidd L M SNA (Monroe Co), 9 May (CC&PPD); 10, Chau, 6 Mar (RG&SNB); 6, Linc.P, 14 Mar-3 Apr (RDH). **LD**: 1 Jun (ad.), Wauk. (EWW); 29 May (female), LeVasseur P (JBH); 23 May, McHenry Co (CAT, TLK, KAM, MSS); 22 Apr, JP (PRC).

### Common Merganser

**EA**: 22 Feb, Montrose H (GAW). **MC**: 1420, Hennepin L, 6 Mar (DFS); 376, Chau, 6 Mar (RG&SNB); 280, Saganashkee Slough (Cook Co), 28 Mar (CAT, TLK); 127, Montrose H, 6 Mar (GAW); 56, Oregon (Ogle Co), 1 Mar (DTW); 50, Candlewick L (Boone Co), 8 Mar (AEB); 31, Mazonia SFWA, 20 Feb (JBH). **LD**: **3 Jun**, Wilmette (Cook Co) (JIE); 6 Apr, Montrose H (RDH); 4 Apr, Whalon L (Will Co) (CAT, TLK); 12 Mar (8), Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 6 Mar (3), HL (KAM).

### Red-breasted Merganser

**EA**: 22 Feb, Montrose H (GAW); 22 Feb (8 males), L Charleston (Coles Co) (TAM, TDF); 12 Mar (male), Mazonia SFWA (JBH). **MC**: 800, Carl.C, 21 Mar (DMK, MSS); 285, Saganashkee Slough (Cook Co), 18 Mar (CAT); 78, Montrose H, 26 Mar (GAW); 60, L Michigan (Lake Co), 15 Mar (DRD); 6, Chau, 12 Mar (RG&SNB). **LD**: 31 May (3), IBSP (EWW); 27 May (female), Wauk. (EWW); 21 May (female), Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 15 May (female), sw. Jackson Co (CLH, VMK et al.); 9 May (5), Kidd L M SNA (Monroe Co) (CC&PPD); 9 May, Edgar Co (CAT, TLK); 25 Apr (female), Alexander Co (KAM, MSS); 13 Apr, Carl.C (DMK, MSS).

### Ruddy Duck

**EA**: 15 Feb (2 males), Arcola M (Douglas Co) (EWW); 18 Feb, Wauk. (EWW). **MC**: 1750, Sgmn Co, 26 Mar (HDB); 1600, Carl.C, 21-22 Mar (DMK, MSS); 1550, HL, 9 Mar (FRH); 1073, Chau, 12 Mar (RG&SNB); 810, Rend L (Franklin Co), 21 Mar (LS); 70, Whalon L (Will Co), 3 Apr (JAS); 60+, Shabbona L SP (De Kalb Co), 4 Apr (EWW); 44, Mazonia SFWA, 14 Apr (JBH); 35, Montrose H, 26 Apr (RDH). **LD**: 16 Jun (female), Freeport (Stephenson Co) (DTW); 14 Jun (ad. male), Sgmn Co (HDB); 10 May (4), Montrose H (RDH); 9 May (2), Carl.C (DMK).

### Northern Bobwhite

**MC**: 27, American Btms, 9 May (CC&PPD); 16, Jasper Co, 8 Apr (RES); 10, Carl.C, 14 Mar (DMK, MSS); 9, Edgar Co, 9 May (CAT, TLK); 9, Pembroke Twp, 26 May (JBH); 8, w. of Greenbush (Warren Co) (LLH); 7, Union Co, 9 May (VMK). **Others**: 13 Mar, Green R CA (Lee Co) (DTW); 20 Apr, White Co (CAT, TLK).

### Gray Partridge

17 Apr (probable release), near Garden Prairie (Boone Co) (MJB) - the only report.

### Ring-necked Pheasant

**MC**: 9, LeVasseur P, 20 Mar (JBH); 6, Edgar Co, 2 May (CAT, TLK); 3, Carl. C, 11 & 13 Apr (DMK, MSS).

### Greater Prairie-Chicken

**MC**: 60, PrRdg (Marion Co), 2 Apr (RES); 51 (estimate of total males from lek survey), PrRdg (Marion Co) (SAS, CLH, RES); 42 (estimate of total males from lek survey), PrRdg (SAS, CLH, RES). **Remarks**: In, the males in Marion County were 8% above the 10 year average of 41.8; the males in Jasper County were 7% below the 10 year average of 45.2 (SAS).

### Wild Turkey

**MC**: 84, Clay Co, 31 Mar (RES); 75, between Marseilles & Seneca (La Salle Co), 10 Apr (DJS); 67, Rend City (Franklin Co), 11 Mar (LS); 40, Carl.C, 21 Mar (DMK, MSS); 30+, Oakwood Btms (Jackson Co), 9 Mar (KAM); 24, Miss. R blufflands (Monroe Co), 9 May (CC&PPD); 18, Mackinaw Bluffs, 13 Mar (MEF); 15, Mazonia SFWA, 20 Apr (JBH).

### Red-throated Loon

**EA**: 16 Mar (13 in basic plumage), IBSP & N Pt Marina (DFS); 28 Mar, Rend L (Franklin Co) (LS); 31 Mar (basic plumage), Sgmn Co (HDB). **MC**: **13**, IBSP & N Pt Marina, as above – **record IL high count**; 2, Montrose H, 31 Mar (RDH). **LD**: **16 May**, Whalon L (Will Co) (PAM, JAS) – **record late date** excluding summering individual in 1997; **5-9 May** (non-breeding plumage), Harristown gravel pit (Macon Co) (MFD, TAM) – **record late date outside n. IL**; 25 Apr, Wauk. (EWW); 10 Apr, Montrose H (RDH); 9 Apr, IBSP (EWW).

### Common Loon

**EA**: 28 Feb, Rend L (Franklin Co) (LS); 18 Mar (2), Sgmn Co (HDB); 21 Mar, Busse Wds FP (Cook Co) (JWL); 22 Mar (2), Rock Cut (DTW, BCW); 22 Mar, River Bend FP (Champaign Co) (BGS). **MC**: 37, L Springfield (Sgmn Co), 13 Apr (HDB); 24, Rend L (Franklin Co), 31 Mar (KAM); 18, Fox L (Lake Co), 1 Apr (EWW); 15, Montrose H, 3 Apr (RDH). **LD**: 15 Jun (basic plumage), Sgmn Co (HDB); 6 Jun (2), Shabbona L SP (De Kalb Co) (DJS); 30 May (imm.),

Evergreen L (Woodford Co) (MHB, PHF); 21-29 May, Green R CA (Lee Co) (MJB); 29 May (southbound), Wauk. (EWW); 26 May, East Fork L (Richland Co) (CLH); 25 May (3), East Fork L (Richland Co) (CLH); 17 May, Mermet L (CLH, VMK et al.).

### Pied-billed Grebe

**EA**: 19 Feb, Rend L (Franklin Co) (LS); 6 Mar (3), L&D #14 (Rock Island Co) (EWW); 7 Mar, Champaign (Champaign Co) (SR); 12 Mar (2), Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 18 Mar (5), Saganashkee Slough (Cook Co) (CAT, TLK); 8 Apr, NPond (GAW). **MC**: **150**, Cypress Crk NWR (Pulaski Co), 12 Apr (DMK, MSS); 45, Rockton & Shirland (Wbgo Co), 11 Apr (DTW, LGB); 26, American Btms, 9 May (CC&PPD); 21, L&D #13 (Whiteside Co), 28 Mar (DTW); 6, Chau, 12 Mar & 10 Apr (RG&SNB). **LD**: 11 May, JP (KMC).

### Horned Grebe

**EA**: 22 Feb, L Shelbyville (Moultrie Co) (TAM); 24 Feb (5), Baldwin L (Randoph/St. Clair Cos) (KAM); 28 Feb (2), Belmont Harbor, Linc.P (KAB); 14 Mar, Edgar Co (CAT, TLK); 22 Mar (6), Rock Cut (DTW, BCW); 22 Mar, River Bend FP (Champaign Co) (BGS); 24 Mar, LeVasseur P (JBH). **MC**: 41, Rend L (Franklin Co), 19 Mar (LS); 35+, Crab Or., 15 Mar (KAM, DMK, MSS); 22, Montrose H, 22 Mar (GAW); 22, Whalon L (Will Co), 15 Apr (JAS). **LD**: 14 May-**7 Jun** (ad. in breeding plumage), Wolf L, LCal (WJM:ph); 1 May, HL (FRH); 23 Apr, Grassy L (Union Co) (KAM, MSS); 17 Apr, ne. of Meredosia (Morgan Co) (LLH); 17 Apr (6), IBSP (EWW); 10 Apr (15), East Fork L (Richland Co) (CLH); 4 Apr, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 3 Apr, Jake Wolf Memorial Fish Hatchery (Mason Co) (RG&SNB).

### Red-necked Grebe

**LD**: 27 Apr-**29 May**. Spoon L (Knox Co) (MJB, DJM, MAM, DL, AAA, m.ob.) - other than one on 8 Jun 1967, this is a **record late spring date**: 3 May, JP (JSM).

### Eared Grebe

**EA**: 11 Mar (basic plumage), Sgmn Co (HDB); 14 Mar, Rend L (Franklin Co) (LS). **LD**: 14 May (basic plumage), Sgmn Co (HDB); 16-20 Apr (non-breeding plumage), Harborside International Golf Course, LCal (WJM, REF, UWG).

### Western Grebe

**LD**: **4 Jun**, Mazonia SFWA (JBH:ph) – third June record for IL.

### American White Pelican

**EA**: 2 Mar (250+), Quincy Bay (Adams Co) (AGD); 8 Mar (80), Sgmn Co (HDB); 9 Mar (94), Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 28 Mar (37), Thomson Causeway (Carroll Co) (DTW, LGB). **MC**: 2500, HL, 16 Mar (FRH); 1817, Kidd L M SNA (Monroe Co), 1 Apr (CC&PPD); 400, Carl.C, 7 Mar (DMK); 290, Union Co, 8 Apr (KAM); 224, Mazonia SFWA, 28 Apr (JBH); 146, Mackinaw Bluffs, 11 Apr (MEF); 110, Nygren Wetland Psv, Rockton (Wbgo Co), 27 Apr (LGB); 81, Chau, 3 Apr (RG&SNB) - far below expected spring [maximum] count (RG&SNB); 53, Bailey Wetland (Wayne Co), 6 Apr (RES); 38, L&D #14 (Rock Island Co), 22 Mar (EWW). **LD**: 16 Jun (31), Freeport (Stephenson Co) (DTW); 9 Jun (18), c. Pope Co (VMK); 6 Jun (38), Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 31 May, Miss. R Levee Rd (Union Co) (JKD, MSS, DMK, KAM); 30 May (35), Illinois R, Utica (La Salle Co) (TAM); 17 May (7), Deadstick Pond, LCal (JWL); 16 May (5), Ridott (Stephenson Co) (EWW).

### BROWN PELICAN

11 May - July (juv.), Mel Price Dam (WMR:ph, DMK:ph, GN:ph, BAH:ph, RES:ph,FRH:ph, m.ob.); [2 Jun, Kane Co]; 2-4 Jun, Crystal L (McHenry Co) (KP, KML:ph, CSF:ph, GAW:ph, m.ob.); [6 Jun, Cook Co].

### NEOTROPIC CORMORANT

[21-24 May, Fulton Co].

### Double-crested Cormorant

**EA**: 20 Feb (6), Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 6 Mar (3), Quincy Bay (Adams Co) (AGD); 23 Mar (2), Lemont quarries (Cook Co) (CAT); 3 Apr, Homer L (Champaign Co) (BP); 9 Apr (65+), IBSP (EWW). **MC**: **15,000**, Rend L (Franklin/Jefferson Cos), 13 Apr (KAM); 1004, Chau, 20 Mar (RG&SNB); 800, Sgmn Co, 25 Mar (HDB); 800, Carl.C, 2 & 10 May (DMK, MSS); 210, Wauk., 25 May (EWW); 140, Mazonia SFWA, 26 Apr (JBH). **LD**: 30 May (55+ northbound), Wauk. (EWW).

*Brown Pelican. Mel Price Dam, Madison County. 11 May 2009. Photos by Greg Neise.*

### ANHINGA

**EA**: 1 May, Lower Cache R, Buttonland Swamp (Pulaski Co) (C&JM, IAS). **MC**: **6**, Lower Cache R, Buttonland Swamp (Pulaski Co), 23 May (MML); 3, same site, 26 May (MML). **LD**: 29-31 May (female), Lower Cache Access, Buttonland Swamp (Pulaski Co) (CLH, RES, DMK:ph, KAM, MSS).

### American Bittern

**EA**: **12 Mar** (wintered locally?), Jasper Co (CLH); **27 Mar**, w. of Victoria (MJB) – second earliest arrival date for c. IL; 31 Mar, Grassy Slough (Johnson Co) (KAM); 9 Apr (2), Carl.F (DMK, MSS); 11 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 12 Apr, Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF); 19 Apr, Lockport Pr NPsv (Will Co) (CMA); 6 May, Franklin Co (LS); 9 May, Spring Bluff FP (Lake Co) (EWW). **MC**: 3, w. of Victoria, 28 Apr (MJB); 3, Lee Co, 4 May (MJB); 3, American Btms, 9 May (CC&PPD). **LD**: 20 May, Montrose H (GAW); 17 May, Pelican Pond, Palos (JWL); 9 May, JP (BWH, PRC). **Others**: 17 Apr, Hogan's Btms (Union Co) (MML); 23 Apr (2), Oakwood Btms (Jackson Co) (KAM, MSS); 26 Apr, Headwaters CA (Kane Co) (SAC); 28 Apr (2), n. of Lenzburg (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 1 May (2), n. of New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 9 May, Guzy Pr (TAM).

### Least Bittern

**EA**: 23 Apr (6), Kidd L M SNA (Monroe Co) (CC&PPD); 28 Apr, PrRdg (Marion Co) (CLH, RES); 4 May, Afton FP (De Kalb Co) (MJB). **MC**: **6**, Kidd L M SNA, as above. **Others**: 6 May, Franklin Co (LS); 30 May (2), Mermet L (DMK, MSS).

### Great Blue Heron

**EA**: 20 Feb (2), Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 8 Mar, Busey Wds (EJC); 18 Mar, Rockfd (DTW); 18 Mar, NPond (GAW). **MC**: 126, Kidd L M SNA (Monroe Co), 1 Apr (CC&PPD); 60+, Emiquon NWR (Fulton Co), 24 May (KAM, MSS); 60, Carl.C, 9 & 12 Apr (DMK, MSS); 31, Chau, 8 May (RG&SNB); 17, Paul Douglas FP, Hoffman Estates (Cook Co), 21 Mar (GAW). **LD**: 28 May, JP (PRC).

### Great Egret

**EA**: **6 Mar** (17), Canteen L (Madison Co) (KAM); **9 Mar**, HL (FRH); 24 Mar, s. Marshall Co (MJB); 25 Mar, LCal (WJM); 25 Mar, Easter Slough (Pulaski Co) (MML); 27 Mar, Heron Pond NPsv (CLH); 28 Mar (28), L Renwick (Will Co) (CAT, TLK); 28 Mar (3), Channahon (Will Co) (CAT, TLK); 30 Mar (3), Sgmn Co (HDB); 6 Apr, e. Kankakee Co (JBH); 9 Apr, Zion (Lake Co) (EWW). **MC**: 140, Bakers L, Barrington (Cook Co), 9 May (GAW); 103, Kidd L M SNA (Monroe Co), 30 May (CC&PPD); 80, Silver Crk (St. Clair Co), 5 Apr (DMK, MSS); 64, Indian Ridge M North, LCal, 2 May (WJM); 35, Bellrose Rsv, 14 May (MML); 24, Jake Wolf Memorial Fish Hatchery (Mason Co), 8 May (RG&SNB). **LD**: 28 May (4), JP (PRC). **Other**: 23 Feb (winter resident last seen on this date), Sgmn Co (HDB).

### Snowy Egret

**EA**: **23 Mar**, HL (FRH); 31 Mar, Bellrose Rsv (KAM); 18 Apr (4), Silver Crk (St. Clair Co) (DMK); 26 Apr, Spring Bluff NPsv (**Lake Co**) (EWW); 27 Apr (2), Sgmn Co (HDB). **MC**: **200**, Dogtooth Island (Alexander Co), 30 May (DMK, MSS) – **easy record spring high count** (previously 78 on 30 Apr 2006); **38**, HL, 24 May (FRH); 9, Bellrose Rsv, 24 Apr (KAM, MSS); 6, Fairmont City (St. Clair Co), 24 May (DMK); 6, Thompson L, Emiquon NWR (Fulton Co), 30 Apr (MJB, KBR); 5, Sloane's M (Carroll Co), 27 Apr (AS). **LD**: 4 Jun, Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 18 May, Humboldt P, Chi (SBB:ph). **Other**: 17 May, Mermet L (CLH).

### Little Blue Heron

**EA**: 1 Apr (3), Cahokia Mounds SHS (Madison Co) (KAM); 2 Apr (ad.), Kinmundy (Marion Co) (CLH, RES); 4 Apr, Pontoon Beach (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 8 Apr, Millstadt (St. Clair Co) (DMK, MSS); 18 Apr (ad.), JP (CBA); 18 Apr (2 ad.), Burnham Pr M, LCal (WJM); 21 Apr (ad.), East Fork L (Richland Co) (CLH); 24 Apr (ad.), Jake Wolf Memorial Fish Hatchery (Mason Co) (RG&SNB); 24 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 25 Apr, Du Page Co (REF, KDF); 27 Apr, Curtis Rd (Champaign Co) (RFB). **MC**: 63, Alexander Co, 25 Apr (KAM, MSS); 60, Lower Cache R (Pulaski Co), 31 May (JKD, DMK, KAM, MSS); 10, Fairmont City (St. Clair Co), 25 May (DMK, MSS); 7 (ad.), e. Pope Co, 16 May (VMK, CLH et al.). **LD**: 3 May (ad.), Secor (Woodford Co) (TH, MEF); 2 May (ad.), Elbow Rd wetland (Richland Co) (CLH); 30 Apr (2), Edwards Co (RES). **Others**: 3 May, near Carman (Henderson Co) (AMR); 21 May, Meredosia NWR (Morgan Co) (KAM, MSS); 21 May (ad.), Spring Bluff FP (Lake Co) (EWW); 28 May (1st summer), Spring Bluff FP (Lake Co) (EWW).

### Tricolored Heron

**EA**: 29 Apr-2 May (ad. in breeding plumage), Wauk. (CBT:ph, JSS, JSg, DD, MJB, TBL, DRD, m.ob.). **LD**: 24 May (ad.), Fairmont City (St. Clair Co) (DMK:ph).

### Cattle Egret

**EA**: 1 Apr (3), Cahokia Mounds SHS (Madison Co) (KAM); 5 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 22 Apr (35), Rock Springs Hollow Rd (Alexander Co) (CAT); 25 Apr (4), Montrose H (RC); 26 Apr (2), Peck Rd & Kaneville Rd (Kane Co) (SAC); 29 Apr (3), Champaign Co (MML). **MC**: **600**, Dogtooth Island (Alexander Co), 30 May (DMK, MSS); 106, American Btms, 6 May (CC&PPD); 26, near Meredosia (Morgan Co), 21 May (KAM, MSS); 17, Sgmn Co, 30 Apr (HDB); 15, Fermilab (Du Page Co), 25 Apr (REF, KDF); 14, near Jonesboro (Union Co), 24 Apr (GAW, CLW); 5, Edwards Co, 1 May (RES); 4, Montrose H, 25 Apr (ABB et al.). **LD**: 1 Jun, Sgmn Co (HDB); 21 May, Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 20 May (4), Montrose H (RDH). **Others**: 26 Apr, Scioto Mills (Stephenson Co) (AS); 26 Apr, Geneva (Kane Co) (SAC); 30 Apr-16 May (2), Linc.P (LB, GAW, m.ob.).

*Two White-faced Ibises, Cahokia Mounds State Park, St. Clair County, 27 April 2009. Photo by Frank Holmes.*

### Osprey

**EA**: **21 Mar**, Quincy Bay (Adams Co) (AGD) – **record early for c. IL**; 26 Mar (building nest), Banner M SFWA (Fulton Co) (MJB, KBR); 31 Mar, Sgmn Co (HDB); 1 Apr, PrRdg (CLH, RES); 2 Apr, Powderhorn L FP (Cook Co) (WJM); 9 Apr, Huntley (McHenry Co) (RAM). **MC**: 4, LeVasseur P, 22 Apr (JBH); 2, Rock Cut, 9 Apr (JMs); 2, Carl.C, 10-11 Apr (DMK, MSS). **LD**: 30 Apr, Kankakee (JBH); 29 Apr, NPond (GAW); 26 Apr, Van Patten Wds FP (Lake Co) (EWW).

### Mississippi Kite

**EA**: 24 Apr (2), Alexander Co (KAM, MSS); 25 Apr, Union Co (GAW, CLW); 4 May, HL (FRH); 8 May, Heron Pond NPsv (CLH); 19 May-end of season (pair - observed copulating), **Rockfd** (DTW); 19 May (1st summer female), **PrRdg** (CLH, RES). **MC**: 8, Dogtooth Island (Alexander Co), 30 May (DMK, MSS); 3, Porter Btms (Pulaski Co), 11 May (MML). **Others**: 31 May (2), Miss. R Levee Rd (Union Co) (JKD, DMK, KAM, MSS); 2 Jun, **Knox Co** (DJM).

### Green Heron

**EA**: **26 Mar**, Pulaski Co (MML) – **second earliest IL arrival date** (excluding vague datum from ne. IL ("District C"), 23 Apr 1986); 13 Apr, Belleville (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 13 Apr, Larue-Pine Hills (KAM); 18 Apr, Linc.P (CC); 18 Apr, JP (KMC); 19 Apr, Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 19 Apr, Meadowbrook P, Urb. (CKA); 24 Apr, Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF); 29 Apr, Wabash Co (CLH). **MC**: 11, American Btms, 23 May (CC&PPD); 8, JP, 27 Apr (PRC); 8, Jake Wolf Memorial Fish Hatchery (Mason Co), 1 & 8 May (RG&SNB); 8, LCal, 9 May (WJM, SBB, MLB).

### Black-crowned Night-Heron

**EA**: 28 Mar (3), L Renwick (Will Co) (CAT, TLK); 1 Apr, NPond (GAW); 29 Apr, Meadowbrook P, Urb. (CKA). **MC**: 283, LCal, 9 May (WJM, SBB); 98, Linc.P, 24 May (GAW); 15, HL, 15 Mar (FRH); 12 (ad.), JP, 22 Apr (PRC); 12, Fairmont City (St. Clair Co), 25 May (DMK, MSS); 11, Bakers L, Barrington (Cook Co), 9 May (GAW); 5, East Fork L (Richland Co), 9 May (CLH). **LD**: 23 May (4), Wauk. (KAM, MSS, TLK, CAT). **Others**: 3 May, Sgmn Co (HDB); 9 May (imm.), Bird P (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 24 May (6), Emiquon NWR (Fulton Co) (KAM, MSS); 29 May (ad.), Chau (RG&SNB).

### Yellow-crowned Night-Heron

**EA**: 3 Apr (2), Heron Pond NPsv (CLH, RES); 4 Apr, HL (FRH); 11 Apr, Porter Btms (Pulaski Co) (MML); 27 Apr (ad.), JP (YP, PRC); 30 Apr, Bloomington (McLean Co) (LTA, MEF, m.ob.); 9-18 May, Sugar R FP (Wbgo Co) (DTW, BG, EBC:ph et al.). **MC**: **16**, HL, 18 Apr (FRH); 8, Oakwood Btms (Jackson Co), 22 Apr (CAT). **Others**: 17 May (ad.), Heron Pond, LCal (WJM); 24 May (2), Granite City (Madison Co) (DMK); 25 May, Fairmont City (St. Clair Co) (DMK, MSS).

### *Plegadis* , sp?

**EA**: 8 May, **Montrose H** (JSA, JRS); 9 May, Carl.C (DMK, KAM).

### Glossy Ibis

**EA**: **21 Apr**, Sgmn Co (HDB). **MC**: 2, Farina (Fayette Co), 7 May (CLH, RES: ph).

### White-faced Ibis

**EA**: 10 Apr (2), Bellrose Rsv (KAM, MML); 26-27 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB:ph); 27 Apr (2), Cahokia Mounds SHS (St. Clair Co) (FRH:ph); 4 May, Quincy (Adams Co) (AMR); 7 May, Farina (Fayette Co) (CLH, RES:ph); 10-11 May, La Salle L (La Salle Co) (CKM, JDM, DB:ph, DBJ, RE, APS). **MC**: 3, American Btms, 27 May (CC&PPD). **LD**: **7 Jun** (ad.), Spring Bluff FP (**Lake Co**) (EWW: ph); 30 May, Peoria Co (AJ, KBR); 26-27 May, w. of Geneva (**Kane Co**) (MB: ph); 11 Apr, Bellrose Rsv (KAM).

### Black Vulture

**EA**: 11 Apr, Carlyle (**Clinton Co**) (MSS, DMK:ph) - **first county record** (DMK). **MC**: 15, Johnson Co, 15 Mar (KAM, DMK, MSS); 12, near Mermet L, 15 Mar (KAM, DMK, MSS); 7, American Btms, 5 May (CC&PPD); 6, Golconda (Pope Co), 21 May (MAM); 6, Lower Cache R (Pulaski Co), 30 May (MSS, DMK); 5, Modoc (Randolph Co), 25 May (DMK, MSS). **Others**: 24 Apr, Alexander Co (CAT); 25 Apr, Crab Or. (CAT, DTW, DFS); 14 May, **Marion Co** (MSS); 20 May (2), **Washington Co** (MSS).

### Turkey Vulture

**EA**: 9 Feb, n. of Cordova (Rock Island Co) (MJB); 10 Feb, Piatt Co (MJB); 20 Feb, Kankakee (JBH); 2 Mar, Busey Wds (EJC); 15 Mar, Miller Meadows FP (Cook Co) (JSA); 17 Mar (6), Rock Cut (DTW). **MC**: **100+**, Quincy Bay (Adams Co), 5 Mar (AGD); **80**, Santa Fe Btms, 14 May (DMK); 54, White Co, 9 May (RES); 48, Bureau Co, 28 Mar (CAT, TLK); 40+, Coles Co, 22 Feb (TAM, TDF); 30, Kankakee, 23 Apr (JBH); 24, McHenry Co, 9 Apr (RAM); 21, Jake Wolf Memorial Fish Hatchery (Mason Co), 1 May (RG&SNB). **LD**: 3 May, JP (JSM, PRC).

### Bald Eagle

**MC**: **278** (213 ad., 55 imm., 10 not aged), L&D #21 (Adams Co), 2 Mar (AGD); 9, Wayne Co, 7 Mar (RES); 8, Bureau Co, 28 Mar (CAT, TLK); 7, American Btms, 9 May (CC&PPD); 5, Carl.C, 14, 21 & 29 Mar & 2 May (DMK, MSS); 4 (2 ad., 2 imm.), Mazonia SFWA, 12 Mar (JBH). **LD**: 14 May (ad.), Wolf L, LCal (WJM). **Others**: 3 May, Busey Wds (GSL); 10 May (juv.), Montrose H (GAW:ph).

### Northern Harrier

**EA**: 21 Mar (ad. female), Paytonville (Grundy Co) (EWW); 26 Apr, Montrose H (RDH). **MC**: 4, Carl.C, 7 & 21 Mar (DMK, MSS); 4, Karl Bartel LWR (Marion Co), 22 Mar (DMK); 3 (1 male, 2 females), Grassy Slough Psv (Johnson Co), 15 Mar (KAM, DMK, MSS). **LD**: 24 May, Emiquon NWR (Fulton Co) (KAM, MSS); 23 May, Rollins Sav (KAM, MSS, TLK, CAT); 22 May, Rockfd (LGB); 16 May (imm.), Momence sod farms (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 29 Apr, Montrose H (MJH); 25 Apr, IBSP (EWW); 24 Apr, Pulaski Co (KAM, MSS).

### Sharp-shinned Hawk

**EA**: 2 Mar, Quincy (Adams Co) (AGD). **MC**: 3, Carl.C, 4 Apr (DMK, MSS). **LD**: 25 May (nesting?), n. of Lenzburg (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 10 May, Lyons Wds (EWW); 9 May, Vermont Reservoir (McDonough Co) (LLH); 9 May, Clinton Co (KAM); 6 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 29 Apr, Montrose H (MJH); 25 Apr, Pomona (KAM, MSS).

### Cooper's Hawk

**EA**: 5 Mar, Zion (Lake Co) (EWW); 22 Mar (ad.), Spring L (Carroll Co) (EWW). **MC**: 5, McHenry Co, 9 Apr (RAM); 4, Kankakee Co, 5 & 20 Mar & 20 May (JBH); 3, Carl.C, 2 Mar (DMK).

### Red-shouldered Hawk

**EA**: 24 Feb, White Oak P, Bloomington (McLean Co) (MJW); 27 Mar, LeVasseur P (JBH). **MC**: 4, Union Co CA, 5 Mar (KAM); 3, Porter Btms (Pulaski Co), 2 Mar (MML); 2, Carl.C, 19 Apr (DMK, MSS). **Others**: 7 Mar, Meadowbrook P, Urb. (GSL); 11 Apr-end of season, Sugar R FP (Wbgo Co) (DTW, LGB); 3 May (imm.), Jubilee College SP (Peoria Co) (JBH).

### Broad-winged Hawk

**EA**: 12 Apr, Mahomet (Champaign Co) (BGS); 16 Apr, Marion Co (RES); 18 Apr, Ft Massac (KAM); 22 Apr (7), Kankakee (JBH); 22 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB). **MC**: 19, w. of Victoria, 24 Apr (MJB). **LD**: 17 May, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 10 May, Lyons Wds (EWW); 9 May (3), Bakers L, Barrington (Cook Co) (GAW); 29 Apr, White Co (CLH, RES).

### Swainson's Hawk

**EA**: **1 Apr**, Union (McHenry Co) (KML); [**1 Apr**, Du Page Co; **1 Apr** (ad. **intermediate morph**), Knox Co]; 9 Apr, McHenry Co (RAM, ALM). **MC**: 3, Kane & McHenry Cos, 25 Apr (RAM, ALM); 2 (nesting), Kane Co, 2 May (RM).

### Red-tailed Hawk

**MC**: 31, McHenry Co, 9 Apr (RAM); 12, Carl.C, 14 & 21-22 Mar (DMK, MSS); 6, LeVasseur P, 24 Mar (JBH). **LD**: 27 Apr, JP (PRC); 11 Apr (*B.j. calurus* - juv. dark morph), Bartel Grassland (Cook Co) (WJM); 2 Apr (*B.j. calurus*), Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF); 2 Apr (*B.j. krideri*), w. of Rice L CA (Fulton Co) (MJB, KBR); 14 Mar (*B.j. krideri*), Rend L (Franklin/Jefferson Cos) (LS). **Other**: 4 Mar (*B.j. calurus* - ad. dark morph), Old Sangamon Rd (Macon Co) (TAM, MFD).

### Rough-legged Hawk

**MC**: 5, n. of Victoria, 4 Mar (MJB). **LD**: **14 May** (imm. light morph), Huntley (McHenry Co) (RAM); 2 May, Berwyn (Cook Co) (GN); 11 Apr (2), Woodford Co (MEF); 10 Apr, Hudson Twp (McLean Co) (MJW); 9 Apr, Huntley (McHenry Co) (RAM); 28 Mar, Hennepin L (CAT, TLK); 27 Mar, n. of Victoria (MJB); 14 Mar (dark morph), Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 14 Mar, Coles Co (CAT,

TLK); 4 Mar (dark morph), Fulton Co (LLH); 1 Mar (2 - 1 dark morph, 1 light morph), LCal (WJM, SBB).

### Golden Eagle

**EA**: 6 Mar (2 ad.), Quincy Bay (Adams Co) (AGD); 9-10 Mar (imm.), Heron P (Vermilion Co) (BS:ph, BGS); 11 Mar (imm.), Dixon (Lee Co) (KAE); 15 Mar (ad.), Rockfd (EES). **LD**: **8 May**, Edgar Co (CAT, TLK) – record late date for c. IL.

### American Kestrel

**EA**: 25 Mar, NPond (GAW). **MC**: 11, Woodford Co, 19 Mar (MEF); 10, Carl.C, 9 Apr (DMK, MSS). **Other**: 22 Apr (male), Northerly Island, Chi (DRD).

### Merlin

**EA**: 22 Mar, IBSP (TBL); 4 Apr (imm. female feeding on Downy Woodpecker), Boone Co (AEB); 17 Apr, Montrose H (RC); 26 Apr, JP (BWH). **LD**: 6 May, Sgmn Co (HDB); 3 May, JP (BWH); 1 May, Clear L (Mason Co) (RG&SNB); 22 Apr, Kankakee (JBH). **Others** (early migrants or overwintered?): 1 Mar, Dixon (Lee Co) (DTW); 9 Mar, Prairie P, Urb. (*fide* BJC); 12 Mar, Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 18 Mar, Palos (CAT).

### Peregrine Falcon

**EA**: 2 Apr, Marion Co (CLH, RES); 15 Apr, Washington Co (MSS); 18 Apr (*F.p. tundrius*), Sgmn Co (HDB); 18 Apr (ad., *F.p. tundrius*), Farina (Fayette Co) (IOS); 19 Apr, Naples (Scott Co) (LLH); 20 Apr, e. of Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH); 22 Apr, near Bellrose Rsv (KAM, MSS). **MC**: 3, NPond, 1 Apr (GAW). **LD**: 16 May, Santa Fe Btms (DMK, KAM, MSS); 14 May, Bellrose Rsv (MML); 11 May, Marion Co (CLH, RES); 9 May, Rollins Sav (EWW); 29-30 Apr, East St. Louis (St. Clair Co) (KAM). **Others**: 17 Mar (overwintered), Urb. (EJC, m.ob.); 18 Mar (ad. - locally wintered?), Rockfd (BCW); 30 May (ad.), Winthrop H (EWW).

### Yellow Rail

**EA**: 16 & 18 Apr, Karl Bartel LWR (Marion Co) (RES, CLH, TAM, MJH, IOS); 4 May, Wauk. (DP, DL, *fide* JSg).

### BLACK RAIL

[**EA**: 22 May (calling), Cook Co].

### King Rail

**EA**: 21-25 Apr, near Dongola (Union Co) (CAT et al.); 9 May (male), Guzy Pr (TAM); 12 May, Montrose H (MAM, JWL).

### Virginia Rail

**EA**: 2 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 4-17 Apr (2), Eckert's Wds, Carl.F (DMK, MSS, KAM); 11 Apr (2 males), McHenry (McHenry Co) (EWW); 26 Apr (2), Montrose H (JWL). **MC**: 4, IBSP, 2 May (TBL); 3, Spring Bluff FP (Lake Co), 9 May (EWW); 3, Carl.F, 23 May (DMK); 2, Pembroke Twp, 7 May (JBH).

### Sora

**EA**: 31 Mar, South Btms (Adams Co) (AGD); 31 Mar, PrRdg (Marion Co) (CLH); 4 Apr (3), Whalon L (Will Co) (CAT, TLK); 4 Apr, Eckert's Wds, Carl. F (KAM); 5 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 9 Apr, Spring Bluff FP (Lake Co) (EWW); 18 Apr (2), Boone Co (AEB); 24 Apr, Linc.P (KH). **MC**: 21, w. of Victoria, 28 Apr (MJB); 12, LCal, 9 May (WJM, SBB, MLB); 11, De Kalb Co, 9 May (DJS); 10, Spring Bluff FP (Lake Co), 9 May (EWW); 6, Pembroke Twp, 7 May (JBH). **LD**: 26 May, Pembroke Twp (JBH); 24 May. Spring Bluff FP (Lake Co) (EWW); 22 May, Aurora West FP (Du Page Co) (KAM, MSS, APS, TLK); 17 May, Annawan (Henry Co) (EWW); 16 May, Montrose H (RDH); 2 May, Carl. F (DMK, MSS).

### Common Moorhen

**EA**: 23 Apr (2), Hegewisch M, LCal (WJM); 26 Apr, JP (BWH, RLS); 2 May (2), Almond M (Lake Co) (JWL); 6 May, w. of Victoria (MJB); 13 May, Montrose H (FM, MMC). **MC**: 3, Spring L (Carroll Co), 23 May (DTW, BCW, LGB). **Other**: 7 May, HL (KAM).

### American Coot

**EA**: 15 Feb (2), Arcola M (Douglas Co) (EWW); 20 Feb (2), Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 5 Mar, Montrose H (GAW). **MC**: 3500, HL, 22 Mar (FRH); 2480, Rend L (Franklin/Jefferson Cos), 19 Mar (LS); 2000, L&D #13 (Whiteside Co), 22 Mar (EWW); 1136, American Btms, 1 Apr (CC&PPD); 1000, nw. Henry Co, 3 Apr (MJB); 600, Cypress Crk NWR (Pulaski Co), 12 Apr (DMK, MSS); 235, Bureau Co, 28 Mar (CAT, TLK); 135, Chau, 24 Apr (RG&SNB) - season max and average far below normal (RG&SNB); 30, Linc.P, 21 Mar & 2 Apr (GAW, DKA). **LD**: 21 May, Montrose H (GAW); 24 Apr (10), JP (KMC).

### Sandhill Crane

**EA**: 23 Feb, 18 Btms (Franklin Co) (LS); 27 Feb (13), L Vermilion (Vermilion Co) (BS); 7 Mar (2), Ridott (Stephenson Co) (DTW); 8 Mar (24), s. of Hinckley (De Kalb Co) (DJS); 9 Mar (10), Urb. (EJC); 12 Mar (5), Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 14 Mar (2), Montrose H (LGM). **MC**: 800 (8 flocks over 4 days), Boone Co, 12-15 Mar (AEB); 263, LCal, 17 Mar (WJM); 228, Cook Co, 5 Mar (CAT); 75+, Effingham Co, 4 Mar (CLH, RES); 35, n. of Hinckley (De Kalb Co), 14 Mar (DJS). **LD**: 12 May, Montrose H (MAM); 11 Apr, Jasper Co (RES); 30 Mar (3), Marion Co (RES); 27-28 Mar, Carl.C (G&DR). **Others**: 18 Apr (pair), Goose L Pr SNA (Grundy Co) (CMA); 21 May (2), Hennepin L (KAM, MSS); 23 May, McHenry Dam (McHenry Co) (KAM, MSS, TLK, CAT); 23 May, Rollins Sav (KAM, MSS, TLK, CAT); 25 May, Zuma Crk (Rock Island Co) (SMF).

### Black-bellied Plover

**EA**: **17 Apr**, e. of Naples (Scott Co) (LLH) – **second earliest spring arrival date**; 25 & 30 Apr, Wauk. (EWW); 30 Apr (2), Marion Co (CLH); 14 May (6), Mel Price Dam (DJS) - potentially in Missouri territory; 13 May, Montrose H (MMC); 16 May (2), Old Galena & Spillman Rds (Peoria Co) (MHB); 16 May (2), Woodford Co (MEF); 17 May (2), near Arlington (Bureau Co) (MAM); 18 May (3), s. Stark Co (MJB). **MC**: 22, Farina & Vandalia Btms (Fayette Co), 16 May (DMK, MSS); 16, Santa Fe Btms, 16 May (DMK, KAM, MSS); 15, Wauk., 27 May (EWW); 3, Montrose H, 23 May (DKA). **LD**: 12 Jun, Montrose H (RDH); 29 May, Wauk. (EWW); 26 May (9), Santa Fe Btms (DMK, MSS); 22 May, Kane Co (KAM, MSS, TLK, APS); 21 May, Sgmn Co (HDB); 21 May (2), Hennepin L (KAM, MSS).

### American Golden-Plover

**EA**: 14 Mar (6), Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 15 Mar (24), HL (FRH); 17 Mar (6), Sgmn Co (HDB); 23 Mar, PrRdg (CLH); 31 Mar (80), near Meredosia (Morgan Co) (MJB); 4 Apr (40), n. of Somonauk (De Kalb Co) (DJS). **MC**: 3500, Farina (Fayette Co), 9 Apr (CLH, RES); 300, e. Woodford Co, 25 Apr (MJW); 100+, Bellrose Rsv, 8 Apr (KAM); 100, Champaign Co, 18 Apr (EJC); 66, Fulton Co, 11 May (DBJ, APS, RE); 45, e. Kankakee Co, 28 Apr (JBH). **LD**: 30 May, Dogtooth Island (Alexander Co) (DMK, MSS); 26 May (2), Santa Fe Btms (DMK, MSS).

### Semipalmated Plover

**EA**: 18 Apr, Farina (Fayette Co) (TAM, CLH, IOS); 18 Apr (2), Bellrose Rsv (KAM, MML); 25 Apr, near Secor (Woodford Co) (MJW); 25 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 8 May (3), Rockfd (DTW); 8 May (6), Kankakee Co (JBH); 12 May, Montrose H (MAM); 15 May, Wauk. (EWW). **MC**: 60, Santa Fe Btms, 26 May (DMK, MSS); 30, Bellrose Rsv, 17 May (MML); 19, Como (Whiteside Co), 16 May (EWW); 17, nw. Wbgo Co, 20 May (DTW); 15, s. Stark Co, 18 May (MJB); 12, Champaign Co, 9 May (GSL). **LD**: 13 Jun, Sgmn Co (HDB); 8 Jun (2), N Pt Marina (EWW); 2 Jun (2), Montrose H (RDH); 31 May, LCal (WJM); 29 May (2), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 28 May, Kankakee Co (JBH).

### Piping Plover

**EA**: **3-4 Apr**, New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD, DMK:ph, MSS) – **record early arrival**, with next earliest date 16 Apr 1990; 1-2 May, Wauk. (DD, MJB, TBL). **MC**: 2, Wauk., 3-4 May (JSS, NAL). **LD**: 9 May, Wauk. (EWW:ph, APS et al.).

### Killdeer

**EA**: 13 Feb (6), Meadowbrook P, Urb. (EJC); 21 Feb, Wauk. (EWW); 3 Mar, Kankakee Co (JBH); 4 Mar (3), Rockfd (DTW); 4 Mar, Fulton Co (LLH). **MC**: 80, Carl.C, 14 Mar (DMK, MSS); 27, e. Kankakee Co, 9 May (JBH); 24, Edgar Co, 14 Mar (CAT, TLK). **LD**: 20 May, JP (PRC, SF).

### Black-necked Stilt

**EA**: **31 Mar** & **6 Apr** (2), Lyerla L (Union Co) (KAM:ph); **4-14 Apr**, Montgomery (Kane Co) (SJ, JF:ph, GN:ph, DJS, RCR, NPB, m.ob.); **11 Apr** (4), Ware (Union Co) (KAM); **11 Apr**, Bellrose Rsv (MML, KAM); 18 & 23 Apr (pair), Farina (Fayette Co) (IOS); 19 Apr (2), E Cape Girardeau (KAM); 23 Apr (2), e. of Naples (Scott Co) (LLH); 26 Apr, Kingston Mines (Peoria Co) (MHB); 27 Apr (2), Sloane's M (Carroll Co) (AS); 30 Apr (2), nw. Marshall Co (MHB); 30 Apr (2), Sgmn Co (HDB). **MC**: **35**, Emiquon NWR (Fulton Co), 11 May (RE, DBJ, APS) – **record spring high count outside s. IL**; 15, Ware (Union Co), 24 Apr (DTW, SDB); 15, Jackson Co, 25 Apr (CAT, DTW, DFS); 10, near Meredosia (Morgan Co), 16 May (EDG & family); 8+ (4 nests), Farina (Fayette Co), 8 & 13 May (MSS, RES, CLH); 6 (ad.), American Btms, 23 May (CC&PPD); 4, Kingston Mines (Peoria Co), 4 May (MHB); 4, Santa Fe Btms, 14 May (DMK). **LD**: 13 Jun, Camp Grove (Marshall Co) (EWW); 19 May, Kingston Mines (Peoria Co) (SZ); 17 May (3), Santa Fe Btms (DMK:ph, MSS). **Others**: 1 May (2), HL (FRH); 5 May (2), Kinmundy (Marion Co) (CLH); 7 May (2), Coles Co (TDF); 14 May (3), e. of Meredosia (Morgan Co) (TW); 30 May, Dogtooth Island (Alexander Co) (DMK, MSS).

### American Avocet

**EA**: 26 Apr, Wauk. (DD, EWW:ph); 2 May, N Pt Marina (EDG); 10 May, Thompson L, Emiquon NWR (Fulton Co) (KBR, MJB). **MC**: **25**, Wauk., 10 May (EWW:ph); 2, Mel Price Dam, 14 May (DJS) - potentially in Missouri territory. **LD**: 13 Jun, Tonica (La Salle Co) (EWW).

### Spotted Sandpiper

**EA**: **23 Mar**, HL (FRH) – **record early arrival** by five days; 18 Apr, near Kappa (Woodford Co) (MJW); 18 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 18 Apr, Stephen A. Forbes SP (Marion Co) (CLH, CAT, IOS); 18 Apr (2), Mermet L (KAM); 22 Apr (3), Kankakee Co (JBH); 24 Apr, JP (SF); 25 Apr, IBSP (EWW). **MC**: **56**, Chau, 8 May (RG&SNB); 20, LCal, 9 May (WJM, SBB, MLB); 16, Carl.C, 17 May (DMK, KAM, MSS); 10, JP, 9 May (PRC et al.); 10, e. Kankakee Co, 9 May (JBH); 6, Wauk., 5 May (EWW). **LD**: 25 May, JP (PRC).

### Solitary Sandpiper

**EA**: 25 Mar, Peabody SFWA (TJD); 28 Mar, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 31 Mar (2), Mermet L (KAM); 8 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 18 Apr, Urb. (GSL); 25 Apr, Aroma Park (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 27 Apr, Montrose H (RDH); 4 May, Rockfd (DTW). **MC**: 20, Lyerla L (Union Co), 24 Apr (KAM, MSS); 15, w. of Victoria, 27 Apr (MJB); 6, Tinley Crk wetlands (Cook Co), 18 Apr (WJM); 5, Edgar Co, 8 May (CAT, TLK). **LD**: 17 May, Will Co (CAT); 17 May, Annawan (Henry Co)

(EWW); 17 May, JP (PRC, CBA); 16 May, Aroma Park (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 9 May (2), Clinton Co (KAM); 6 May (3), Bellrose Rsv (MML).

### Greater Yellowlegs

**EA**: 5 Mar (3), Union Co (KAM) – third earliest IL arrival date; 8 Mar, HL (FRH); 14 Mar, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 23 Mar, Lawrence Co (CLH); 24 Mar, Stark Co (MJB); 24 Mar, n. of Lacon (Marshall Co) (MJB); 27 Mar (4), Nygren Wetland Psv, Rockton (Wbgo Co) (DTW); 19 Apr, Montrose H (ABB). **MC**: 200, Bellrose Rsv, 12 Apr (DMK, MSS); 50, La Salle Co, 26 Apr (DJS et al.); 8, Farina (Fayette Co), 18 Apr (CAT, IOS). **LD**: 23 May, Santa Fe Btms (DMK); 22 May, nw. of Rockfd (DTW); 17 May, Will Co (CAT); 8 May, Hyde Park, Chi (BWH, PRC); 29 Apr, Champaign Co (MML); 26 Apr (10), Bellrose Rsv (MML); 24 Apr, Wauk. (EWW).

### Willet

**EA**: 18 Apr (3), Mermet L (KAM); 24 Apr, e. of Minonk (Woodford Co) (TH, MEF); 25 Apr, Montrose H (RDH, ABB, RKr, CMA); 26 Apr (6), Wauk. (EWW); 26-27 Apr, Pratts Wayne Wds FP (Du Page Co) (JL, JPL); 28 Apr, Marion Co (CLH, RES); 2 May, Champaign Co (DL). **MC**: 88, Wauk., 2 May (JSS, SDB, SLD); 28, Carl.C, 2 May (DMK, MSS); 25, Montrose H, 2 May (RDH); 18, Chau, 1 May (RG&SNB); 14, Gillson P (Cook Co), 26 Apr (JK); 11, Woodford Co, 26 Apr (TH, MEF); 10, Edgar Co, 2 May (CAT, TLK); 7, River Bend FP (Champaign Co), 2 May (GSL et al.); 6, Wauk., 26 Apr (EWW); 4, Headwaters CA (Kane Co), 26 Apr (SAC); 4, Sgmn Co, 29 Apr (HDB). **LD**: 5 Jun, N Pt Marina (EWW); 2 Jun, Montrose H (RDH); 16 May (2), Tinley Crk wetlands (Cook Co) (ABA et al.); 14 May, Mel Price Dam (DJS) - potentially in Missouri territory; 14 May (2), Santa Fe Btms (DMK); 9 May, w. of Victoria (DJM, MJB, PJR); 8 May, Kankakee Co (JBH). **Others**: 30 Apr-2 May, Curtis Rd (Champaign Co) (JWL, CAT, TLK); 2 May, w. of Prairie City (McDonough Co) (LLH).

### Lesser Yellowlegs

**EA**: 5 Mar, Union Co (KAM); 22 Mar, Freeport (Stephenson Co) (EWW); 22 Mar (4), Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 24 Mar (2), Stark Co (MJB); 27 Mar (2), Nygren Wetland Psv, Rockton (Wbgo Co) (DTW); 30 Mar, Lawrence Co (CLH); 4 Apr (4), ne. Henry Co (EWW); 5 Apr (6), Woodford Co (MEF). **MC**: 500, Bellrose Rsv, 8 Apr (KAM); 90, Appleton (Knox Co), 27 Apr (MJB); 72, Tinley Crk wetlands (Cook Co), 5 May (WJM); 35, Curtis Rd (Champaign Co), 2 May (CAT, TLK); 27, e. Kankakee Co, 9 May (JBH). **LD**: 30 May, Dogtooth Island (Alexander Co) (DMK, MSS); 29 May, Old Galena & Spillman Rds (Peoria Co) (MHB); 23 May, Santa Fe Btms (DMK); 21 May, Spring Bluff FP (Lake Co) (EWW).

### Upland Sandpiper

**EA**: 11 Apr (2), Jasper Co (RES); 20 Apr (2), White Co (CAT, TLK); 2 May, Midewin Pr (JB). **MC**: 4, PrRdg, 4 May (CLH); 3, sw. Champaign Co, 22 Apr (MML). **Others**: 4 & 26 May, PrRdg (Marion Co) (CLH, RES:ph); 10 May, Monticello Rd Field Station (Champaign Co) (*fide* EJC); 17 May, Annawan (Henry Co) (EWW); 21 May, Double T SFWA (Fulton Co) (KAM, MSS); 23 May, Afton FP (De Kalb Co) (EWW).

### Whimbrel

**EA**: 14 May, Mel Price Dam (DJS) - potentially in Missouri territory; 18 May, Tinley Crk wetlands (Cook Co) (AAA); 18-21 May, Sgmn Co (HDB). **LD**: 1 Jun, N Pt Marina (MJH).

### Hudsonian Godwit

**EA**: 25 Apr & 1-2 May, Sgmn Co (HDB); 11 May, Fulton Co (RE, DBJ, APS); 14 May (2), Santa Fe Btms (DMK, MSS); 14 May, Mel Price Dam (DJS) - potentially in Missouri territory. **MC**: 12, w. of Victoria, 17 May (MR, PJR); 6, e. of Meredosia (Morgan Co), 14 May (TW); 3, Farina (Fayette Co), 16 May (DMK, MSS, KAM); 3, Spoon R (Stark Co), 17 May (MHB). **LD**: 22 May, Zuma Crk (Rock Island Co) (SMF); 21 May, Kane Co (PAM *fide* EES); 18 May, Fulton Co (EES, PAM). **Others**: 17 May, Modena (Stark Co) (EWW); 17 May, Kingston Mines (Peoria Co) (MHB); 17 May, near Arlington (Bureau Co) (MAM).

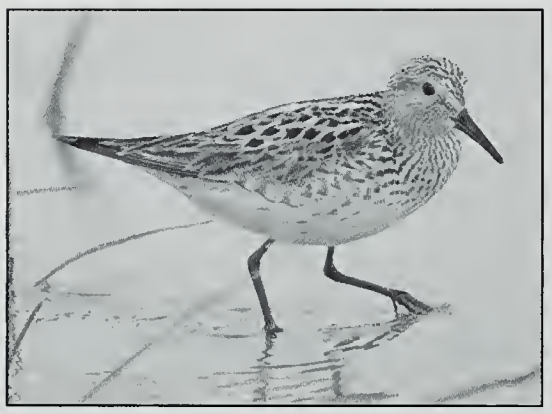
### Marbled Godwit

**EA**: 22 Apr, Northerly Island, Chi (CBT:ph, DRD, TBL et al.); 22 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB). **MC**: 2, Swan L (Calhoun Co), 25 Apr (RQR).

### Ruddy Turnstone

**EA**: 11 May (2), Montrose H (LGM); 14 May (4), Santa Fe Btms (DMK); 15 May, Wauk. (EWW); 16 May (6), Bolingbrook (Will Co) (MAM); 19 May, Emiquon NWR (Fulton Co) (PJR, MJB); 22 May, Kane Co (KAM, MSS, APS, TLK); 23 May, Wauk (KAM, MSS, TLK, CAT). **MC**: 11, Vandalia Btms (Fayette Co), 16 May (DMK, MSS); 11, Wauk., 1 Jun (EWW). **LD**: 2 Jun, Montrose H (RDH); 1 Jun (11), Wauk., as above; 28 May, Old Galena & Spillman Rds (Peoria Co) (MHB); 23 May, Santa Fe Btms (DMK).

*Semipalmated and White-rumped Sandpipers. Montrose, Cook County. 8 June 2009. Photo by Kanae Hirabayashi.*



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### Red Knot

**EA**: 13 May, Old Galena & Spillman Rds (Peoria Co) (MHB). **MC**: 6, Wauk., 21 May (EWW). **LD**: 4-5 Jun, N Pt Marina (BJS, EWW, NAL:ph). **Others**: 23 May, N Pt Marina (EWW); 27 May, Wauk. (EWW).

### Sanderling

**EA**: 2 May (2), Wauk. (TBL); 6 May (3), Wauk. (EWW); 9 May, w. of Victoria (MJB, DJM); 9 May, Carl.C (DMK). **MC**: 18, Wauk., 9 May (EWW); 7, Montrose H, 15 May (RDH); 6, Santa Fe Btms, 16 May (DMK, KAM, MSS). **LD**: 6 Jun (basic plumage), Sgmn Co (HDB); 2 Jun (9), N Pt Marina (EWW); 31 May, Montrose H (MMC).

### Semipalmated Sandpiper

**EA**: 18 Apr, Urb. (GSL) – **ties record early date** from 2004; 25 Apr, Bellrose Rsv (KAM, MSS); 4 May, Woodford Co (MEF); 11 May, New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 13 May, Sgmn Co (HDB); 14 May (80), Santa Fe Btms (DMK); 18 May (4), near Tampico (Whiteside Co) (EWW); 22 May, Wabash Co (CLH). **MC**: 400, Santa Fe Btms, 26 May (DMK, MSS); 40, Bellrose Rsv, 17 May (MML); 35, L Decatur dredge ponds, 29 May (TAM); 31, N Pt Marina, 30 May (TBL); 20+, Hampshire (Kane Co), 29 May (EWW); 11, Ridott (Stephenson Co), 23 May (DTW, BCW, LGB). **LD**: 18 Jun, N Pt Marina (EWW); 13 Jun (4), Camp Grove (Marshall Co) (EWW); 12 Jun (2), Sgmn Co (HDB); 9 Jun (2), Montrose H (RDH); 8 Jun, Montrose H. (KH:ph); 28 May (19), Kankakee Co (JBH); 23 May, Kane Co (KAM, MSS, TLK, CAT).

### Western Sandpiper

**EA**: 29 Apr, Sauer Family Pr Kame FP (Kane Co) (MAM); 14 May, w. of Victoria (MJB). **LD**: 8 June, Montrose H. (KH:ph); 23 May, Santa Fe Btms (DMK).

### Least Sandpiper

**EA**: 30 Mar, Sgmn Co (HDB); 4 Apr (2), Carl. C (DMK, MSS); 8 Apr (2), Lyerla L (Union Co) (KAM); 27 Apr, Montrose H (RDH); 30 Apr, Freeport (Stephenson Co) (EWW); 7 May (2), Pembroke Twp (JBH). **MC**: 125+, Santa Fe Btms, 15 May (KAM); 47, Woodford Co, 12 May (MEF); 39, LCal, 9 May (WJM, SBB, MLB); 35, Bellrose Rsv, 6 May (MML); 28, Annawan (Henry Co), 18 May (EWW); 25, Winnebago (Wbgo Co), 12 May (DTW); 6, Montrose H, 12 May (RDH). **LD**: 1 Jun, N Pt Marina (EWW); 26 May (40), Santa Fe Btms (DMK, MSS); 23 May (4), Kane Co (KAM, MSS, CAT, TLK); 17 May (10), Bellrose Rsv (MML).

### White-rumped Sandpiper

**EA**: 23 Apr, w. of Victoria (MJB) – **ties record early date** from 1992; 3 May, Peabody SFWA (TJD); 8 May, Wauk. (EWW); 11 May, Curtis Rd (Champaign Co) (SDB); 14 May (12), Santa Fe Btms (DMK); 17 May, Modena (Stark Co) (EWW); 22 May, Kane Co (KAM, MSS, TLK, APS); 23 May, Kankakee Co (JBH). **MC**: 30, Santa Fe Btms, 26 May (DMK, MSS); 10, Zuma Crk (Rock Island Co). 17 May (SMF); 4, Montrose H, 1 Jun (RDH). **LD**: 17 Jun (3), Sgmn Co (HDB); 17 Jun (2), N Pt Marina (EWW); 8 Jun, Montrose H (KH:ph); 26 May (6+), Farina (Fayette Co) (CLH).

### Baird's Sandpiper

**EA**: 10 Apr, Bellrose Rsv (KAM); 15 Apr, near El Paso (Woodford Co) (MJW, MEF); 25 Apr, Swan L (Calhoun Co) (RQR); 26 Apr, Carl.C (DMK); 17 & 23 May, Zuma Crk (Rock Island Co) (SMF); 20 May (2), Spring Bluff FP (Lake Co) (EWW). **MC**: 15, Spoon R (Stark Co), 24 May (MHB). **LD**: 30 May (2), N Pt Marina (EWW); 28 May (2), Zuma Crk (Rock Island Co) (SMF); 26 May, Old Galena & Spillman Rds (Peoria Co) (MHB); 21 May, Spring Bluff FP (Lake Co) (EWW).

### Pectoral Sandpiper

**EA**: 7 Mar (12), Carl.C (DMK); 10 Mar (12), Sgmn Co (HDB); 15 Mar (20+), E Cape Girardeau (KAM, DMK, MSS); 19 Mar (3), Woodford Co (MEF); 27 Mar (6), w. of Victoria (MJB); 4 Apr (3), nw. Henry Co (EWW); 18 Apr, Wauk. (EWW). **MC**: 2000, Bellrose Rsv, 26 Apr (MML); 500, Carl.C, 9 Apr (DMK, MSS); 200, Woodford Co, 11 Apr (MEF); 181, American Btms, 23 Mar (CC&PPD); 140, Scott Co, 23 Apr (LLH); 140, w. of Victoria, 28 Apr (MJB). **LD**: 14 Jun, Sgmn Co (HDB); 10-11 Jun, N Pt Marina (EWW); 26 May, Santa Fe Btms (DMK, MSS); 23 May, Kankakee Co (JBH).

### Dunlin

**EA**: **16 Mar**, Santa Fe Btms (KAM) - **record early arrival** by 2 days; 8 Apr, Union Co (KAM); 9 Apr (5), Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 24 Apr, Montrose H (RDH); 30 Apr, Clay Co (CLH); 8 May (13), Kankakee Co (JBH); 12 May, Spring Bluff FP (Lake Co) (EWW); 12 May (3), Wauk. (EWW). **MC**: **400**, Santa Fe Btms, 14 May (DMK); 179+, Wauk. & N Pt Marina, 1 Jun (EWW); 57, LCal, 31 May (WJM); 25, Bellrose Rsv, 14 May (MML); 20, Hampshire (Kane Co), 29 May (EWW); 19, Old Galena & Spillman Rds (Peoria Co), 13-28 May (MHB). **LD**: 19 Jun, Montrose H (RDH); 18 Jun (2), N Pt Marina (EWW); 1 Jun, Curtis Rd (Champaign Co) (JJ); 29 May (12), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 28 May (16), Zuma Crk (Rock Island Co) (SMF); 28 May (3), Kankakee Co (JBH); 26 May (80), Santa Fe Btms (DMK, MSS).

### Stilt Sandpiper

**EA**: 25 Apr (3), Bellrose Rsv (KAM, MSS, CAT, DTW, DFS); 28 Apr, Appleton (Knox Co) (MJB, KBR); 2 May, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 3 May (2 - 1 non-breeding plumage, 1 fresh breeding plumage), Kingston Mines (Peoria Co) (DMK, MSS, TAM); 8 May, nw. Wbgo Co (DTW). **MC**: 12, Santa Fe Btms, 14 May (DMK); 7+, Farina (Fayette Co), 13 May (CLH). **LD**: 28 May (2), Zuma Crk (Rock Island Co) (SMF); 16 May (6), Santa Fe Btms (DMK, KAM, MSS); 14 May, Bellrose Rsv (MML).

### Buff-breasted Sandpiper

**EA**: 9 May, w. Union Co (*VMK) - the day after an intense weather system called a "derecho" passed through s. Jackson and n. Union Cos. **LD**: 28 May, Prairie Green (Kane Co) (REF).

### Short-billed Dowitcher

**EA**: 25 Apr, Bellrose Rsv (KAM, MSS et al.); 29 Apr (calling), sw. of Prairie City (McDonough Co) (LLH); 7 May (5), Farina (Fayette Co) (CLH); 9 May (2), Kankakee Co (JBH); 9 May, Champaign Co (GSL); 14 May, Montrose H (GAW). **MC**: **120**, Santa Fe Btms, 14 May (DMK); 30+, Farina (Fayette Co), 13 May (CLH); 30, Bellrose Rsv, 14 May (MML); 16, Kidd L M SNA (Monroe Co), 26 Apr (CC&PPD); 16, Spring Bluff FP (Lake Co), 12 May (EWW); 9, Will Co, 17 May (CAT); 8, Woodford Co, 12 May (MEF). **LD**: 27 May, N Pt Marina (EWW); 26 May, Santa Fe Btms (DMK, MSS); 15 May (2), Bellrose Rsv (MML).

### Long-billed Dowitcher

**EA**: **21 Mar** (6), Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 9 Apr, Farina (Fayette Co) (CLH); 18 Apr (4), Bellrose Rsv (KAM). **MC**: 21, w. of Victoria, 28 Apr (MJB); 17, Carl. C, 2 May (DMK, MSS); 15, Crab Or., 25 Apr (KAM, MSS); 11, Bellrose Rsv, 25 Apr (KAM, MSS). **LD**: **17 May**, Zuma Crk (Rock Island Co) (SMF); **14 May** (4), Kankakee Co (JBH); 9 May, Guzy Pr (TAM); 9 May, w. of Victoria (MJB, DJM); 7 May, Campbell Airport (Lake Co) (EWW); 5 May, Wenona (Marshall Co) (EWW); 30 Apr-1 May (5), County Line Rd (Knox Co) (PJR et al.); 25 Apr (5), Swan L (Calhoun Co) (RQR); 23 Apr. Bellrose Rsv (CAT).

### Wilson's Snipe

**EA**: 5 Mar (2), Union Co (KAM); 7 Mar (6), Greene Twp (Woodford Co) (MJW); 7 Mar (12), Carl.C (DMK); 10 Mar, Urb. (EJC); 16 Mar (6), s. of Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH); 27 Mar (16), Rockton (Wbgo Co) (DTW); 4 Apr (19), Miller Meadows FP (Cook Co) (JSA). **MC**: 182, Woodford Co, 5 Apr (MEF); 68, Sgmn Co, 29 Mar (HDB); 60, Carl.C, 14 & 22 Mar (DMK, MSS); 60, Mermet L, 31 Mar (KAM); 43, Garden Prairie Slough (Boone Co), 2 Apr (DTW); 42, County Line Rd (Knox Co), 9 Apr (PJR); 34, American Btms, 23 Mar (CC&PPD); 23, Pembroke Twp, 21 Mar (JBH); 17, McHenry Co, 10 Apr (RAM); 4, Montrose H, 24 Apr (RDH). **LD**: 28 May (winnowing), LeVasseur P (JBH); 26 May (winnowing), Pembroke Twp (JBH); 10 May, Carl. C (DMK, MSS); 28 Apr (4), Zion (Lake Co) (EWW); 26 Apr, JP (BWH); 26 Apr, Montrose H (RDH); 25 Apr (2), Bellrose Rsv (KAM, MSS).

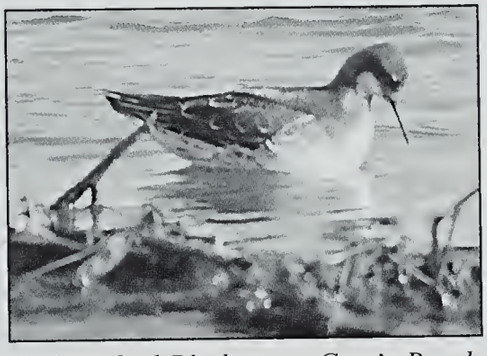
### American Woodcock

**EA**: 7 Feb (2), Wayne Fitzgerrell SP (Franklin Co) (KAM); 18 Feb, Evergreen L (Woodford Co) (MJW); 6 Mar (3), Edwards Co (RES); 7 Mar, Meadowbrook P, Urb. (*fide* EJC); 17 Mar, Montrose H (ABB, KH); 22 Mar, LeVasseur P (JBH); 31 Mar, Jubilee SP (Peoria Co) (MHB). **MC**: 12, Miss. R blufflands (Monroe Co), 9 Mar (CC&PPD); 10, Grassy Slough Psv (Johnson Co), 15 Mar (KAM, DMK, MSS); 10, IBSP, 9 May (EWW); 8, Meadowbrook P, Urb., 6 Mar (MML); 5, Edwards Co, 16 Mar (RES); 4, LCal, 14 May (WJM). **LD**: 26 Apr, JP (RLS).

### Wilson's Phalarope

**EA**: 8-12 Apr, Bellrose Rsv (GL, KAM, MSS, DMK); 25 Apr, Zuma Crk (Rock Island Co) (SMF); 27 Apr (male), w. of Victoria (MJB); 27 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 28 Apr (2 females), sw. of Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH); 28 Apr, Stump L (Jersey Co) (CDH); 3 May (2 females), Kingston Mines (Peoria Co) (DJM, PJR, DMK, MSS, TAM); 5 May, Monmouth sewage lagoons (Warren Co) (PJR); 8 May (pair), Kankakee Co (JBH); 9 May (pair), Rollins Sav (EWW); 9 May (female), LCal (WJM, SBB, MLB). **MC**: 12, Fulton Co, 11 May (RE, DBJ, APS); 4, Woodford Co, 16 May (MEF). **LD**: 17 & 25 May, Zuma Crk (Rock Island Co) (SMF); 17 May, near Arlington (Bureau Co) (MAM); 16 May (male), Santa Fe Btms (KAM); 16 May (pair), Tinley Crk wetlands (Cook Co) (ABA et al.); 13 May (male), Kankakee Co (JBH). **Other**: 14 May, Old Galena & Spillman Rds (Peoria Co) (MHB).

*Marbled Godwit. Northerly Island, Cook County. Earth Day, 22 April 2009. Photo by Craig Thayer.*



*Red-necked Phalarope. Curtis Road, Champaign County. 9 May 2009. Photo by Greg Lambeth.*

### Red-necked Phalarope

**EA**: 9 May, Curtis Rd (Champaign Co) (GSL); 10-11 May, Thompson L, Emiquon NWR (Fulton Co) (KBR, MJB, RE, DBJ, APS); 11-12 May (2), Woodford Co (TH, MEF, GN); 14 May, Old Galena & Spillman Rds (Peoria Co) (MHB); 15 May (female), Harrison (Wbgo Co) (DTW); 17 May (male), Annawan (Henry Co) (EWW). **MC**: 4 (females), Old Galena & Spillman Rds (Peoria Co), 26 May (MHB). **LD**: 28 May, Kane Co (APS, JRG).

### Laughing Gull

**EA**: 5 Apr, Woodford Co (MEF:ph); 18 Apr, Montrose H (PKD); 23 Apr & & May (ad.), Sgmn Co (HDB); 24 Apr (1st year), Montrose H (RDH); 26 Apr (2), Wauk. (DD); 26 Apr (ad.), La Salle Co (DJS, CKM, JDM et al.); 9 May, Carl.C (DMK:ph). **MC**: 3 (ads.), Wauk., 26 Apr (EWW). **LD**: 7 Jun (ad.), Montrose H (KH:ph); 31 May (2 ad. copulating), N Pt Marina (DRD); 25 May (ad.), Sgmn Co (HDB); 25 May (ad.), Rock Island Co (SMF); 17 May (2), Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 13 May (ad.), Mel Price Dam (MJB). **Other** (apparent **Laughing Gull x Ring-billed Gull hybrid**): 7 Mar, Calumet P, Chi (AAA). Multiple reports from Montrose H through Apr and May.

### Franklin's Gull

**EA**: 2 Apr (3), Woodford Co (PHF, MJB); 30 Apr, Thompson L, Emiquon NWR (Fulton Co) (KBR, MJB); 2 May, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 14 May (5), Sgmn Co (HDB); 16 May, Montrose H (RDH); 18 May (ad.), Wauk. (DD). **MC**: **400**, L&D #14 (Rock Island Co), 16 May (SMF). **LD**: 10-12 Jun (2nd year), Sgmn Co (HDB); 6 Jun, Kendall Co (JDC); 30 May (1st summer), Wauk. (EWW); 28 May (imm.), East Peoria (Tazewell Co) (MHB); 26 May, Old Galena & Spillman Rds (Peoria Co) (PHF, MHB); 22 May, N Pt Marina (KAM); 9 May, Carl.C (DMK).

### LITTLE GULL

[**EA**: 23 Apr (ad.), Sgmn Co.] **LD**: 11-12 May (ad. - photographed), Mel Price Dam (DMK, MSS, KAM, PL et al.).

### Bonaparte's Gull

**EA**: 7 Mar (10), Carl.C (DMK, MML); 12 Mar, Jasper Co (CLH); 21 Mar (2), Spring Valley (Bureau Co) (EWW); 23 Mar (ad.), LeVasseur P (JBH); 28 Mar (4), Thomson Causeway (Carroll Co) (DTW); 2 Apr, Montrose H (RDH). **MC**: 2000+, Rend L (Franklin/Jefferson Cos), 15 Mar (KAM, DMK, MSS); 1200, Carl.C, 29 Mar (DMK, MSS); 99, Jake Wolf Memorial Fish Hatchery (Mason Co), 20 Mar (RG&SNB); 22, N Pt Marina, 24 May (EWW); 12, Montrose H, 15 Apr (RDH). **LD**: 9 Jun (3), Montrose H (RDH); 4 Jun (2 1st summer), N Pt Marina (EWW); 24 May (1st year), LCal (WJM); 23 May (imm.), Linc.P (GAW); 11 May (2), Mel Price Dam (DMK, MSS); 11 May (5), Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 9 May (2), Rockfd airport quarry (DTW).

### Ring-billed Gull

**EA**: 20 Feb (9), Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 11 Mar (8), sw. of Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH). **MC**: 16,000, Carl.C, 2 Mar (DMK); 2730, Evergreen L (McLean/Woodford Cos), 5 Mar (MEF); 680, Grundy Co, 7 Mar (CAT); 585, Sands (Whiteside Co), 4 Apr (EWW); 526, Montrose H, 10 May (GAW); 161, Chau, 6 Mar (RG&SNB).

### California Gull

**EA**: 7 Mar (ad.), Aurora (Kane Co) (JJD); 16 Mar-14 Apr (ad.), N Pt Marina (CSF:ph, MJB, AAA, JSS, MJH, TBL, JRG, EWW:ph, CAT). **LD**: 13 Jun (ad.), N Pt Marina (TBL:ph); 30 May (2nd summer), N Pt Marina (TBL:ph).

### Herring Gull

**EA**: 22 Mar (3 - 2 ad.), Ridott (Stephenson Co) (EWW). **MC**: 815, N Pt Marina, 9 May (EWW); 76, Evergreen L (McLean/Woodford Cos), 5 Mar (MEF); 60, Carl.C, 2 & 21-22 Mar (DMK, MSS); 19, Chau, 6 Mar (RG&SNB). **LD**: 17-26 May (injured), Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 12 May, Rockfd airport quarry (DTW). [**Other** ("**Vega Gull**" - *L.a. vegae*): 8-14 Mar (ad.), Carl.C (*DMK:ph, MSS)].

### Thayer's Gull

**MC**: 8, N Pt Marina, 14 Mar (RDH); 4 (2 ad., 1 2nd year, 1 1st year), N Pt Marina, 27 Mar (AAA). **LD**: 13 May (3), N Pt Marina (EWW); 14 Mar,

Montrose H (LGM); 8 Mar (1st year), Shabbona L SP (De Kalb Co) (DJS); 2 Mar (2 - 1st year, 2nd year), Carl. C (DMK).

### Iceland Gull

**MC**: 4, N Pt Marina, 7 Apr (EWW). **LD**: 14 May (2nd year), Wauk. (EWW); 13 May (1st year), Wauk. (EWW); 14 Apr, N Pt Marina (CAT); 12 Apr (1st year), Montrose H (RDH, KH); 4-6 Mar (1st year), L Decatur (MFD, TAM); 2 Mar (2nd year), Montrose H (RDH); 1 Mar (1st year), Calumet Park, LCal (WJM, SBB, SF, BAS).

### Lesser Black-backed Gull

**MC**: 2 (6 ad., 1 3rd year, 2 2nd year), N Pt Marina, 7 Apr (EWW); 7, N Pt Marina, 14 Mar (RDH). **LD**: 30 May (1st year), Wauk. (EWW); 24-28 May (1st year), N Pt Marina (EWW); 25 May (2nd year), Wauk. (EWW); 11 May (1st year), Montrose H (GAW); 12 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 12 Apr (1st year), Montrose H (RDH); 28 Mar-11 Apr (1st year), Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 25 Mar (2 ad.), N Pt Marina (DRD); 15 Mar (ad.), Rend L (Franklin Co) (KAM, DMK, MSS).

### Glaucous Gull

**LD**: 14 Apr (2), N Pt Marina (CAT); 18 Mar-5 Apr (1st year), N Pt Marina (EWW); 27 Mar (ad.), N Pt Marina (AAA); 25 Mar (2nd winter), N Pt Marina (DRD); 8-20 Mar (1st year), Carl.C (DMK:ph, MSS); 8 Mar (1st year), Shabbona L SP (De Kalb Co) (DJS); 6-7 Mar (1st year), L Decatur (MFD, TAM); 2 Mar (ad.), Carl.C (DMK); 1 Mar (1st year), Calumet Park, LCal (WJM, SBB). **Other** (apparent **"Nelson's Gull"** - Glaucous Gull x Herring Gull): 4 Apr (1st year), Carl.C (DMK:ph).

### Great Black-backed Gull

**MC**: 4 (1st years), Calumet Park, LCal, 1 Mar (WJM, SBB); 2 (1st year & 2nd year), N Pt Marina, 18 Mar (EWW); 2 (1st or 2nd year & 3rd year), Montrose H (RDH, DKA). **LD**: 17 May (1st year), IBSP (RDH); 27 Mar (1st year), N Pt Marina (AAA); 24 Mar (1st year), Montrose H (GAW).

### Least Tern

**EA**: 14 May, Sgmn Co (HDB); 14 May, Mel Price Dam (DJS). **MC**: 10, Jacob (Jackson Co), 31 May (JKD, DMK, KAM, MSS); 3 Baldwin L (Randolph Co), 25 May (DMK, MSS). **Other**: 28 May, Mel Price Dam (JWL).

### Caspian Tern

**EA**: **24 Mar**, Montrose H (GAW, JNN); **24 Mar**, Wolf L, LCal (WJM) - **record early arrival date** by one day; 3 Apr (2), Kankakee Co (JBH); 4 Apr (3), Carl. C (DMK, MSS); 9 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 10 Apr, Mermet L (KAM); 15 Apr, East Fork L (Richland Co) (CLH); Late Apr, Lake Katherine (Cook Co) (PD: ph). **MC**: 350, Montrose H, 7 May (GAW); 176, Wauk., 10 May (EWW); 72, JP, 9 May (PRC, BWH); 30, Mel Price Dam, 11 May (DMK, MSS); 13, Mazonia SFWA, 26 Apr (JBH). **LD**: 13 Jun (7), Hennepin L (EWW); 6 Jun (4), Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 31 May, Jacob (Jackson Co) (JKD, DMK, KAM, MSS); 21 May (4), Hennepin L (KAM, MSS).

### Black Tern

**EA**: 7 May, Sgmn Co (HDB); 9 May, L Summerset (Wbgo Co) (LGB); 9 May (2), Montrose H (DKA, TFK, AM); 9 May, LCal (WJM, SBB, MLB); 9 May (6), Kankakee Co (JBH); 9 May (12), Curtis Rd (Champaign Co) (DN); 9 May, Richland Co (CLH); 14 May (20), Mel Price Dam (DJS); 16 May (2), Fayette Co (KAM). **MC**: 85, Union Co, 8 May (VMK); 50, L&D #14 (Rock Island Co), 16 May (SMF); 49, Senachewine L (Putnam Co), 14 May (MHB); 35, HL, 9 May (FRH); 27, Wauk., 14 May (EWW); 16, Sgmn Co, 5 Jun (HDB). **LD**: 19 Jun (4), Sgmn Co (HDB); 13 Jun, Normandy (Bureau Co) (EWW); 31 May (25), Jacob (Jackson Co) (JKD, DMK, KAM, MSS); 28 May, Mel Price Dam (JWL); 28 May, Kankakee Co (JBH); 25 May (northbound offshore), Wauk. (EWW); 17 May, L Summerset (Wbgo Co) (DTW).

### Common Tern

**EA**: 3 May, Linc.P (GAW); 4 May, PrRdg (CLH); 7 May, Sgmn Co (HDB); 9 May, Carl.C (DMK); 13 May (2), JP (PRC); 17 May (4), Shabbona L SP (De Kalb Co) (DJS). **MC**: 575+, Wauk., 14 May (EWW); 425+, N Pt Marina, 21 May (EWW); 400, Northwestern U landfill, Evanston (Cook Co), 14 May (JSg); 30, L&D #14 (Rock Island Co), 16 May (SMF); 12, Mel Price Dam, 11 May (DMK, MSS); 8, Spoon R (Stark Co), 17 May (MHB). **LD**: 11 Jun (3), Sgmn Co (HDB); 4 Jun (6), N Pt Marina (EWW); 28 May (12), L&D #14 (Rock Island Co) (SMF); 27 May, Montrose H (RDH).

### Forster's Tern

**EA**: 13 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 16 Apr (2), Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 18 Apr (6), Wauk. (EWW); 18 Apr, Newton L (Jasper Co) (TAM, CLH, IOS); 22 Apr, Williamson Co (CAT); 22 Apr (2), Mermet L (KAM, MSS); 26 Apr, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 6 May (3), Rock Cut (DTW). **MC**: 75+, L&D #14 (Rock Island Co), 16 May (SMF); 60+, Crab Or., 25 Apr (KAM, MSS); 40+, N Pt Marina, 15 May (EWW); 22, Carl.C, 9 May (DMK); 11, Kidd L M SNA (Monroe Co), 26 Apr (CC&PPD); 8, Montrose H, 14 May (DRD); 8, Mazonia SFWA, 2 Jun (JBH); 6, Roscoe (Wbgo Co), 9 May (JBn). **LD**: 13 Jun (4), Hennepin L (EWW); 6 Jun (2), Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 4 Jun (2), Wauk. (EWW); 1 Jun, Curtis Rd (Champaign Co) (JJ); 29 May, L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 24 May, Emiquon NWR (Fulton Co) (KAM, MSS); 23 May, McHenry Co (CAT et al.); 16 May (3), se. Massac Co (VMK, CLH et al.); 16 May (3), Santa Fe Btms (DMK, MSS, KAM). **Other**: 8 May, Pratts Wayne Wds FP (Du Page Co) (DL).

*Caspian Tern. Lake Katherine, Cook County. April 2009. Photo by Paul Dacko.*

### Rock Pigeon

**MC**: 200, Chi, 1 Mar (DMK, KAM); 164, Grundy Co, 13 Mar (CAT, TLK); 110, Kankakee Co, 5 Mar (JBH).

### Eurasian Collared-Dove

**MC**: 6, Carl.C, 21 Mar (DMK, MSS). **Others**: 2 Apr (2), Woodford Co (CAT); 18 Apr, Clay Co (CAT, TLK); 20 Apr, Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 6 May, NPond (GAW); 8 May, Edgar Co (CAT, TLK).

### WHITE-WINGED DOVE

**EA**: 2 May, Sydney R. Marovitz Golf Course & Montrose H (LJK, MLT:ph, MC, MA).

### Mourning Dove

**MC**: 102, Edgar Co, 9 May (CAT, TLK); 60, Carl.C, 22 Mar (DMK, MSS); 24, Kankakee Co, 18 Apr (JBH).

### Monk Parakeet

**MC**: 32, LCal, 26 May (WJM). **Others** (non-established): 20 Apr, Mazonia SFWA (MBs *fide* JBH); 4 May (during week prior to 4 May), Montrose H (OD); 14 May (2), Brookfield (Cook Co) (CAT).

### Yellow-billed Cuckoo

**EA**: **25 Apr**, Cache R SNA (Johnson Co) (MML); 3 May, Jubilee College SP (Peoria Co) (JBH); 5 May, Fall Creek (Adams Co) (AGD); 8 May, Heron Pond NPsv (CLH); 9 May, Mahomet (Champaign Co) (*fide* EJC); 9 May, Edgar Co (CAT, TLK); 9 May, Carl.C (DMK, KAM); 14 May, Montrose H (BAH); 14 May, Cobb P, Kankakee (JBH); 21 May (nocturnal migrant), Zion (Lake Co) (EWW). **MC**: 8, Carl.C, 23 May (DMK); 3, Union Co, 12 May (MML); 3, Cook Co, 23 May (KAM, MSS, TLK); 3, Momence Wetlands, 30 May (JBH). **LD**: 8 Jun, Montrose H (RDH); 1 Jun, JP (PRC).

### Black-billed Cuckoo

**EA**: 28 Apr-5 May, Logan (Franklin Co) (LS); 30 Apr, Bloomington (McLean Co) (AY:ph *fide* MEF); 30 Apr (banded), Adams Sanctuary (VMK); 9 May, Pecatonica (Wbgo Co) (BCW); 9 May, River Bend FP (Champagin Co) (GSL); 16 May, Linc.P (TAn, JG); 18 May, Ryerson CA (Lake Co) (DRD); 21 May, PrRdg (CLH); 23 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 23 May, Carl.C (DMK); 23 May, Edwards Co (RES). **MC**: 2, Waterfall Glen FP (Du Page Co), 24 May (KAM, MSS, CAT). **LD**: 6 Jun, Montrose H (RDH). **Others**: 19 May (banded), Adams Sanctuary (VMK); 22 May, Penfield (Champaign Co) (EJC); 25 May, Fairmont City (St. Clair Co) (DMK, MSS); 26 May, Pembroke Twp (JBH).

### Barn Owl

late Mar (roadkill), Clinton Co (DW *fide* DMK); 1 May, Lower Cache R, Buttonland Swamp (Pulaski Co) (IAS); 9 May, Carl.C (DMK).

### Eastern Screech-Owl

**MC**: 2, Carl.C, 9 May (DMK). **Other**: 26 May, Pembroke Twp (JBH).

### Great Horned Owl

**MC**: 4, Siloam Springs, 11 Apr (AGD).

### Snowy Owl

**MC**: 2, La Salle Co, 14 Mar (*fide* IBET). **LD**: winter-10 Apr, La Salle Co (CKM, DJS, m.ob.); 24 Mar, n. of El Paso (Woodford Co) (*fide* JM); 21 Mar, Rockfd airport (*fide* NCIOS); 20 Mar (ad. male), Frankfort (Will Co) (GAJ, CMA); 1-3 Mar, near Princeton (Bureau Co) (MAM, JAS, DBJ, MJB, APS, REF, KDF).

### Barred Owl

**MC**: 11, Siloam Springs, 11 Apr (AGD); 6, Carl.C, 9 May (DMK); 5, Union Co, 9 & 12 May (MML); 3, Piatt Co, 11 Apr (CAT, TLK); 3, Edwards Co, 19 Apr (CAT, TLK); 3, Jubilee College SP (Peoria Co), 3 May (JBH).

### Long-eared Owl

**MC**: 5, Kankakee Co, 5 Mar (JBH); 2, LeVasseur P, 20 Mar (JBH). **LD**: **2 May**, Galesburg (Knox Co) (LJ, PJR, JT, DJM:ph); 7 Mar-12 Apr, Carl.F (DMK, MSS); 12 Apr, JP (PKD); 27-29 Mar, LeVasseur P (JBH); 18 Mar (2), Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF); 11 Mar, Winnetka (Cook Co) (SM, WSG:ph); 7 Mar, Urb. (GSL).

### Short-eared Owl

**MC**: 14, Sgmn Co, 21 Mar (HDB); 3, PrRdg (Marion Co), 26 Mar (CLH); 3, Bartel Grassland (Cook Co), 29 Mar (WJM); 2, Tazewell Co, 26 Mar (MJB, KBR). **LD**: 19 & 23 Apr, Air Station Pr, Glenview (Cook Co) (MMC, JPL); 13 Apr, Sibley Grove NPsv (Ford Co) (MJB); 1 Apr, n. of Victoria (MJB); 28 Mar, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 17 Mar, Hogan's Btms (Union Co) (MML). **Others**: 9 Mar, PrRdg (RES); 11 Mar, Fairmount (Vermilion Co) (JOS); 17 Mar, Vermilion Co (JOS); 22 Mar, Karl Bartel LWR (Marion Co) (DMK, MSS).

### Northern Saw-whet Owl

**LD**: 11 Mar, Urb. (SDB et al.).

### Common Nighthawk

**EA**: **26 Apr**, Urb. (EJC); 29 Apr, O'Fallon (St. Clair Co) (KAM); 1 May, HL (FRH); 1 May, White Co (CLH); 2 May, Indian Ridge M North, LCal (WJM); 5 May, Ottawa (La Salle Co) (EWW); 13 May (2), Rockfd (DTW); 14 May, Montrose H (GAW). **MC**: 21, Kane Co, 23 May (KAM, MSS, TLK, CAT); 17, e. Kankakee Co, 9 May (JBH); 10, e. Pope Co, 16 May (VMK, CLH et al.); 8, Lower Cache R (Pulaski Co), 31 May (JKD, DMK, KAM, MSS); 7, Roscoe (Wbgo Co), 23 May (EWW); 6, Big M, LCal, 14 May (WJM).

### Chuck-will's-widow

**EA**: 23 Apr, Ferne Clyffe SP (Johnson Co) (KAM, MSS, CAT, DTW); 25 Apr, Cache R SNA (Johnson Co) (MML). **MC**: 4, Ferne Clyffe SP (Johnson Co), 20 May (MAM). **Others**: 16 May, e. Pope Co (VMK, CLH et al.); 19 May, Stephen A. Forbes SP (Marion Co) (DMK); 31 May, Little Grassy L (Williamson Co) (DMK, KAM, MSS); 31 May, Jackson Co (DMK, KAM, MSS).

### Whip-poor-will

**EA**: 11 Apr, Kankakee (JBH); 11 Apr, Edwards Co (RES); 13 Apr (2), Washington Co CA (KAM); 18 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 25 Apr, JP (CBA). **MC**: 12, Iroquois Co CA, 29 May (GAW); 6, North Utica (La Salle Co), 5 May (EWW); 6, Jackson Co, 31 May (DMK, KAM, MSS); 4, Union Co, 12 May (MML); 3+, Ferne Clyffe SP (Johnson Co), 25 Apr (KAM, MSS); 3, Carl.C, 9 May (DMK); 3, IBSP, 18 May (TBL); 3, Pembroke Twp, 26 May (JBH). **Others**: 25 Apr (2), n. of Coulterville (Washington Co) (TJD); 26 Apr, Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 1 May, Greene Valley FP (Du Page Co) (CAT, TLK).

### Chimney Swift

**EA**: 31 Mar, Johnson Co (KAM); 10 Apr (2), Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 11 Apr, Heron Pond NPsv (CLH); 17 Apr, Urb. (GSL); 18 Apr (4), Kankakee Co (JBH); 18 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 19 Apr, Evergreen L (McLean/Woodford Cos) (MEF); 24 Apr, JP (BAS); 25 Apr, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co) (JSA); 30 Apr (4), Freeport (Stephenson Co) (EWW). **MC**: 47, Montrose H, 18 May (GAW); 45, Metropolis (Massac Co), 18 Apr (KAM); 40, Centralia (Marion Co), 17 Apr (DMK, MSS); 40, Lower Cache R (Pulaski Co), 31 May (JKD, DMK, KAM, MSS); 28, LeVasseur P, 28 May (JBH).

### Ruby-throated Hummingbird

**EA**: 13 Apr, Hogan's Btms (Union Co) (MML); 20 Apr, Richland Co (CLH); 23 Apr, s. of New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 25 Apr, Galesburg (Knox Co) (JSc); 26 Apr, Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 27 Apr, Boone Co (AEB); 1 May (male), JP (KMC). **MC**: **89**, Miss. R blufflands (Monroe Co), 28 May (CC&PPD) - **second highest spring count**; **58**, Smithfield (Fulton Co) (VMK) - 44 newly banded and 14 returns from as far back as 2004 (VMK); **54**, Union Co, 9 May (VMK); 35, West Frankfort (Franklin Co), 11 May (LS); 10, Massac Co, 23 Apr (CAT); 3, JP, 17 May (PRC, CBA).

### Belted Kingfisher

**EA**: 26 Feb, Kankakee Co (JBH); 1 Mar, IBSP (EWW); 6 Mar, Spring L (Carroll Co) (EWW); 12 Mar, w. of Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH); 21 Mar (2), Linc.P (DKA). **MC**: 5, Mermet L, 10 Apr (KAM). **LD**: 17 May (male), JP (PRC, CBA).

### Red-headed Woodpecker

**EA**: 14 Mar, Busey Wds (EJC); 17 Mar, Rock Cut (DTW); 20 Mar, Sgmn Co (HDB); 24 Apr, Montrose H (RDH); 26 Apr, Utica (La Salle Co) (DJS); 1 May, JP (*fide* KMC); 12 May, Zion (Lake Co) (EWW). **MC**: 14, McDonough Co, 9 May (LLH); 10, Union Co CA, 5 Mar (KAM); 9, Pembroke Twp, 7 May (JBH); 9, Momence Wetlands, 30 May (JBH); 8, Edgar Co, 9 May (CAT, TLK); 7, Mackinaw Bluffs, 9 May (MEF); 4, Carl.C, 9 Apr & 2 May (DMK, MSS). **LD**: 20 May, NPond (GAW et al.); 2 May, JP (*fide* KMC); 28 Apr (3), Mazonia SFWA (JBH). **Other**: 24 May, Waterfall Glen FP (Du Page Co) (KAM, MSS). **Remarks**: Very scarce! (VMK).

### Red-bellied Woodpecker

**EA**: 26 Apr, JP (GD). **MC**: 13, Deer Grove West FP, Barrington (Cook Co), 9 May (GAW); 12, Union Co, 9 May (VMK); 11, Momence Wetlands, 30 May (JBH); 10, Edgar Co, 2 & 9 May (CAT, TLK); 2 (pair), JP, 10 May (PRC). **LD**: 30 May, JP (PRC).

### Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

**EA**: **6 Mar**, Busey Wds (EJC); **6 Mar**, O'Fallon (St. Clair Co) (KAM) – **record early arrival dates** by one day; 17 Mar, Kankakee Co (JBH); 23 Mar, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co) (JSA); 25 Mar, Shuh Shuh Gah Canoe Launch, w. of Millbrook (Kendall Co) (DJS); 1 Apr (3), Boone Co (AEB); 1 Apr (3), Linc.P (GAW et al.); 8 Apr, Warren Co (LLH). **MC**: 15, Kankakee Co, 3 Apr (JBH); 14, Linc.P, 15 Apr (GAW et al.); 12, Carl.C, 10-11 Apr (DMK, MSS); 8, Piatt Co, 11 Apr (CAT, TLK); 6, Bureau Co, 7 Apr (MJB); 3, Pomona, 8 Apr (KAM, MSS). **LD**: 21 May, Humboldt Park, Chi (WJM, SBB); 4 May, Portage P, Chi (JSA, TLK); 3 May (3), Linc.P (GAW); 2 May (2), LeVasseur P (JBH); 19 Apr, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 11 Apr, Cache R SNA (Johnson Co) (MML).

### Downy Woodpecker

**MC**: 16, LCal, 9 Apr (WJM); 13, LeVasseur P, 27 Mar (JBH); 7, Stephenson Co, 17 Apr (CAT, TLK); 6, Porter Btms (Pulaski Co), 2 Mar (MML).

### Hairy Woodpecker

**MC**: 7, Mackinaw Bluffs, 9 May (MEF); 6, Momence Wetlands, 30 May (JBH); 4, Deer Grove West FP, Barrington (Cook Co), 9 May (GAW); 3, Carl.C, 13 Apr (DMK, MSS).

### Northern Flicker

**EA**: 12 Mar (30 - some migrants?), New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 18 Mar, Linc.P (GAW et al.); 24 Mar (large influx), Urb. (GSL). **MC**: **109**, JP, 15 Apr (PRC); 37, Kankakee Co, 3 Apr (JBH); 26, LCal, 9 Apr (WJM); 9, Piatt Co, 11 Apr (CAT, TLK). **LD**: 1 May, JP (CBA).

### Pileated Woodpecker

**MC**: 12, Union Co, 9 May (VMK); 9, Jackson Co, 23 Apr (KAM, MSS); 5, Siloam Springs, 11 Apr (AGD); 4, Bureau Co, 28 Mar (CAT, TLK); 4, Carl.C, 2 May (DMK, MSS); 4, Momence Wetlands, 30 May (JBH); 3, Edwards Co, 19 Apr (CAT, TLK); 2, Sugar R FP (Wbgo Co), 11 Apr (DTW, LGB). **Others**: 13 Mar (excavating a nest cavity), Dixon (Lee Co) (DTW); 17 Apr, Stephenson Co (CAT, TLK); 22 Apr (migrant), LeVasseur P (JBH); 18 May (calling), Ryerson CA (**Lake Co**) (DRD); 31 May (female), North Unit, **IBSP** (EWW).

### Olive-sided Flycatcher

**EA**: **25 Apr**, Fall Creek (Adams Co) (AGD) – **record early arrival** by one day; 6 May, Urb. (RDD); 7 May, Stephen A. Forbes SP (Marion Co) (CLH); 14 May, Sgmn Co (HDB); 16 May, JP (PRC); 17 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 17 May, Sandy Crk (Marshall Co) (EWW). **MC**: 3, Salt Crk Wds, 23 May (KAM, MSS, TLK); 3 (in one tree), JP, 26 May (PRC); 2, Busey Wds, 31 May (EJC). **LD**: **14 Jun**, Beaubien Wds FP, LCal (WJM); 12 Jun, Sgmn Co (HDB); 8 Jun, Montrose H (RDH); 7 Jun, Urb. (RFB); 29 May, JP (KMC); 25 May, IBSP (EWW); 23 May, Portage Wds FP, Lyons (Cook Co) (KAM, MSS, TLK); 19 May, Carl.C (DMK); 18 May, Mackinaw Bluffs (MJW); 18 May, Ryerson CA (Lake Co) (DRD, JWL).

### Eastern Wood-Pewee

**EA**: 24 Apr, Heron Pond NPsv (CLH); 6 May, Busey Wds (EJC); 9 May (2), JP (PRC, BWH); 9 May, Sgmn Co (HDB); 15 May, Kankakee (JBH). **MC**: 18, Clinton Co, 9 May (KAM); 13, Momence Wetlands, 30 May (JBH); 9, Linc. P, 20, 24 & 30 May (GAW, RDH); 9, JP, 20 May (PRC, SF). **LD**: 8 Jun (2), Montrose H (RDH).

### Yellow-bellied Flycatcher

**EA**: 9 May, Crystal L P (Champaign Co) (DN); 10 May, Half Day Wds FP (Lake Co) (JRS); 14 May, Sgmn Co (HDB); 16 May (2), Carl.C (DMK, KAM, MSS); 17 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 24 May, Sugar R FP (Wbgo Co) (DTW); 24 May, JP (PRC, CBA). **MC**: 5, Montrose H, 1 & 3 Jun (RDH); 3, Ewing P, Bloomington (McLean Co) , 4 Jun (MJW). **LD**: 12 Jun, Sgmn Co (HDB); 11 Jun Montrose H (GAW); 2 Jun, Palos (WJM); 29 May, IBSP (EWW); 25 May, PrRdg (CLH, RES).

### Acadian Flycatcher

**EA**: 24 Apr (3), Ft Massac (KAM, MSS); 29 Apr, Wabash Co (CLH); 3 May, s. of New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 9 May, Champaign Co (EJC); 9 May, Pea Cemetery (Moultrie Co) (TAM); 9 May, Edgar Co (CAT, TLK); 14 May, Montrose H (GAW); 17 May (2), Sugar R FP (Wbgo Co) (DTW, BCW). **MC**: 10, e. of New Athens (St. Clair Co), 21 May (TJD); 10, Heron Pond NPsv, 30 May (DMK, MSS); 4, Momence Wetlands, 30 May (JBH). **LD**: 7 Jun (male), JP (PRC).

### "Traill's Flycatcher"

**EA**: 9 May, e. Kankakee Co (JBH); 14 May, Montrose H (GAW). **MC**: 10, Montrose H, 27 May (RDH). **LD**: 6 Jun (5), Montrose H (RDH).

### Alder Flycatcher

**EA**: 15 May, Sgmn Co (HDB); 15 May, Bellrose Rsv (MML); 17 May, Sandy Crk (Marshall Co) (EWW); 17 May, HL (FRH); 22 May (2), Aurora West FP (Du Page Co) (KAM, MSS, APS, TLK); 22 May (2), JP (KAM, MSS, APS, TLK). **MC**: 7, Montrose H, 28 & 30 May (GAW); 2, Pembroke Twp, 26 May (JBH). **LD**: 13 Jun, Florid (Putnam Co) (EWW); 13 Jun, Montrose H (RDH); 12 Jun, Hegewisch M, LCal (WJM); 10 Jun (male), JP (PRC); 8 Jun (5), Montrose H (RDH); 6 Jun, Sgmn Co (HDB); 2 Jun (2 singing), Palos (WJM); 28 May, LeVasseur P (JBH).

### Willow Flycatcher

**EA**: 9 May (2), Crystal L P (Champaign Co) (DN); 16 May, Sgmn Co (HDB); 16 May, Carl.C (DMK, KAM, MSS); 18 May (male), JP (PRC); 19 May, Rock Cut (DTW). **MC**: 8, Montrose H, 28 May (GAW); 4, JP, 22 May (KAM, MSS, TLK, APS); 4, Greene Valley FP (Du Page Co), 23 May (KAM, MSS, TLK); 4, Lyons Wds, 25 May (EWW); 4, Matthiessen SP (La Salle Co), 31 May (DJS). **LD**: 6 Jun, Montrose H (RDH). **Others**: 21 May (2), Fulton Co (KAM); 25 May, HL (DMK, MSS); 31 May (2), Huntley (McHenry Co) (RAM); 31 May (2), Levee Rd (Union Co) (JKD, DMK, KAM, MSS).

### Least Flycatcher

**EA**: 24 Apr, Montrose H (RDH); 24 Apr (banded), Adams Sanctuary (VMK); 25 Apr, IBSP (EWW); 26 Apr, JP (BWH); 26 Apr, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co) (JSA); 27 Apr, LeVasseur P (JBH); 29 Apr, Edwards Co (RES); 8 May, Anna R. Page CF, Rockfd (DTW). **MC**: 10, Montrose H, 14 May (GAW); 10, JP, 19 & 26 May (PRC, SF); 9, Mackinaw Bluffs, 16 May (MJW); 8, LeVasseur P, 17 May (JBH); 6, Carl.C, 9 & 16-17 May (DMK, KAM, MSS); 4, IBSP, 14 May (EWW); 4, Lyons Wds, 25 May (EWW). **LD**: 12 Jun, Montrose H (RDH); 3 Jun, JP (PRC); 3 Jun, NPond (*fide* GAW); 31 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 24 May, Waterfall Glen FP (Du Page Co) (KAM, MSS).

### Eastern Phoebe

**EA**: 5 Mar, Union Co CA (KAM); 7 Mar, Meadowbrook P, Urb. (GSL); 7 Mar, Weinberg-King SP (Schuyler Co) (EWW); 7 Mar, Urb. (GSL); 7 Mar (3), Carl.C (DMK); 7 Mar, Edwards Co (RES); 17 Mar (2), Rock Cut (DTW); 17 Mar, Montrose H (ABB); 17 Mar, Kankakee Co (JBH); 18 Mar, IBSP (EWW). **MC**: 10, Carl.C, 14 Mar (DMK, MSS); 9, Edgar Co, 9 May (CAT, TLK); 7, LeVasseur P, 20 Mar (JBH); 7 (banded), Adams Sanctuary, 7 Apr (VMK); 6, Hogan's Btms (Union Co), 17 Apr (MML); 4, NPond, 25 Mar (GAW). **LD**: 13 May, JP (PRC).

### Great Crested Flycatcher

**EA**: 18 Apr (2), Ft Massac (KAM); 24 Apr, JP (BAS, SF); 24 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 24 Apr, Heron Pond NPsv (CLH); 25 Apr, Heron P (Champaign Co) (EJC); 25 Apr (3), Siloam Springs (AGD); 26 Apr, IBSP (EWW); 26 Apr, HL (FRH); 28 Apr, Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 3 May, Rockfd (DTW). **MC**: 22, Union Co, 9 May (VMK); 12, Edgar Co, 9 May (CAT, TLK); 11, Momence Wetlands, 30 May (JBH). **LD**: 5 Jun (2), Montrose H (RDH).

### Western Kingbird

**EA**: **23 Apr**, Joppa (Massac Co) (FKB); 8 May, HL (FRH); 11 May, Neidringhaus Rd, Granite City (Madison Co) (KAM); 18 May, Ryerson CA (Lake Co) (TVA, JRG); 19 May, Waterfall Glen FP (Du Page Co) (REF); 19 May, Stark Co (DFS). **MC**: 2, Granite City (Madison Co), 19 May-summer (MJB, PJR, DMK, MSS et al.). **LD**: 1 Jun, IBSP (DRD); 30 May, Oak Openings NPsv (Lake Co) (JSg); 29 May, Montrose H (RDH).

### Eastern Kingbird

**EA**: 10 Apr, Mermet L (KAM); 17 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 18 Apr, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 19 Apr, Edwards Co (CAT, TLK); 26 Apr, Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 27 Apr, Boone Co (AEB); 27 Apr, JP (PRC). **MC**: **100**, n. of Lenzburg (St. Clair Co), 14 May (TJD); **80**, Carl.C, 3 May (DMK, MSS); 36, Union Co, 9 May (VMK); 24, e. Kankakee Co, 9 May (JBH).

### Scissor-tailed Flycatcher

**EA**: **8 Apr** (ad. male), E Cape Girardeau (WRE et al.) - **second earliest IL arrival date**; 24 Apr, JP (BAS); 25 Apr, near Ware (Union Co) (KAM:ph, MSS); 5 May (male), Snell Rd & MacGomery Church Camp Rd (Macoupin Co) (EWW:ph). **LD**: 14-15 May, e. of Edgewood (Effingham Co) (CLH, RES: ph, JRRS).

### Shrike sp?

4 Apr, East Branch Panther Crk (Woodford Co) (JM).

### Loggerhead Shrike

**EA**: **19 Feb**, Franklin Co (LS); 25-28 Mar & 6 Apr, U of IL swine research ponds, Urb. (GSL:ph, JJ, MML et al.); 17 Apr, Ogle Co (CAT, TLK); 26 Apr, Turtlehead L (Cook Co) (BAS). **MC**: 5, Jasper Co, 20 Mar (AAA); 2, Midewin Pr, 2 May (JB). **Others**: 7 Mar, Edwards Co (RES); 15 Mar, Wayne Co (RES); 3 Apr, New Athens (St. Clair Co) (DMK); 4 Apr-16 May, Ferrin (Clinton Co) (DMK, MSS); 14 May (Effingham Co) (RS:ph); 26 May, Midewin Pr (JWL); 29 May, West Eden Rd (Johnson Co) (MML).

### Northern Shrike

**LD**: 22 Mar, IBSP (WSG); 9 & 21 Mar, Crabtree NC (Cook Co) (CSF, SDB, SLD); 18 Mar (singing imm.), Spring Bluff FP (Lake Co) (EWW); 16 Mar, s. Rock Island Co (SMF); 12 Mar, Pecatonica (Wbgo Co) (AS); 8 Mar, Du Page Co (JDC); 7 Mar, near Kaneville (Kane Co) (DJS); 5 Mar, Paul Douglas FP, Hoffman Estates (Cook Co) (SWS); 4 & 6 Mar, Freeport (Stephenson Co) (AS, EWW et al.); 27 Feb (ad.), Iroquois Co CA (JBH).

### White-eyed Vireo

**EA**: 5 Apr, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 17 Apr (3), Hogan's Btms (Union Co) (MML); 18 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 26 Apr, Busey Wds (EJC); 27 Apr, LeVasseur P (JBH); 6 May, Linc.P (RC); 6 May, JP (PRC); 8 May, Plum Crk FP (Cook Co) (JWL); 11 May, Illini SP (La Salle Co) (DJS). **MC**: 27, Jackson Co, 23 Apr (KAM, MSS); 20, Union Co, 9 May (MML); 10, Carl.C, 10 May (DMK, MSS); 4, Adams Sanctuary, 30 Apr (VMK); 3, LeVasseur P, 4 May (JBH). **LD**: 29 May, IBSP (EWW); 13 May, JP (PRC).

### Bell's Vireo

**EA**: **24 Apr**, Cache Chapel Rd (Johnson Co) (DTW, SDB); **27 Apr**, Sgmn Co (HDB); 3 May, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 5 May, Clay Co (CLH); 15 May, Anna R. Page CF, Rockfd (DTW, BCW); 18 May, Johnson-Sauk Trail SP (Henry Co) (EWW). **MC**: 6, Mazonia SFWA, 21 May (JBH); 2, Lower Cache R (Pulaski Co), 30-31 May (JKD, DMK, KAM, MSS). **Others**: 15 May, Big Bend Rd (Madison Co) (DJS): 18 May (2), River Bend FP (Champaign Co) (EJC); 21 May, Dickson Mounds (Fulton Co) (KAM); 24 May, Hegeswisch M, LCal (WJM); 26 May, Cache R (Pulaski Co) (MML).

*Scissor-tailed Flycatcher. Effingham County. 14 May 2009. Photo by Bob Shelby.*

### Yellow-throated Vireo

**EA**: 8 Apr, Union Co (KAM); 18 Apr, Stephen A. Forbes SP (Marion Co) (CAT, TLK, IOS); 19 Apr, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 25 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 1 May, Pembroke Twp (JBH); 6 May, JP (PRC et al.). **MC**: 9, Clinton Co, 9 May (KAM); 5, Mackinaw Bluffs, 9 May (MEF); 5, Moultrie Co, 9 May (TAM); 4, Kankakee R SP, 12 May (JBH); 4, Sterling (Whiteside Co), 18 May (EWW); 3, Illini SP (La Salle Co), 11 May (DJS). **LD**: **20 Jun**, Montrose H (ABB) – **record late spring date**; **6 Jun**, JP (CBA); 25 May, Lyons Wds (EWW).

### Blue-headed Vireo

**EA**: 18 Apr, Ft Massac (KAM); 19 Apr, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co) (JSA); 20 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 23 Apr, Kankakee Co (JBH); 24 Apr, JP (PRC et al.); 25 Apr, Sannauk FP (De Kalb Co) (DJS); 25 Apr, Beall Wds SP (Wabash Co) (RES); 9 May, Durand (Wbgo Co) (BCW). **MC**: 4, LCal, 26 Apr (WJM, SBB); 3, Deer Grove West FP, Barrington (Cook Co), 9 May (GAW); 3, Ft Massac, 17 May (CLH, VMK et al.). **LD**: 18 May, Sterling (Whiteside Co) (EWW); 18 May, Montrose H (DKA); 12 May (2), Kankakee R SP (JBH). **Other**: 17 May, Sandy Crk (Marshall Co) (EWW).

### Warbling Vireo

**EA**: 17 Apr, Hogan's Btms (Union Co) (MML); 18 Apr, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 18 Apr (3), Ft Massac (KAM); 24 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 25 Apr (banded), Adams Sanctuary (VMK); 26 Apr (5), Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 27 Apr, JP (SF). **MC**: 28, LCal, 24 May (WJM); 17, Momence Wetlands, 30 May (JBH); 9, Linc. P, 24 May (*fide* GAW); 7, Edgar Co, 9 May (CAT, TLK).

### Philadelphia Vireo

**EA**: 27 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 3 May, Crystal L P (Champaign Co) (GSL); 7 May, Stephen A. Forbes SP (Marion Co) (CLH); 7 May, Porter Btms (Pulaski Co) (MML); 9 May, JP (PKD); 15 May (2), Rockfd (DTW); 15 May, Wauk. (EWW); 15 May (banded), Adams Sanctuary (VMK); 16-17 May, Carl.C (DMK, MSS). **MC**: 3, Montrose H, 28 May (GAW). **LD**: 31 May, New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 31 May (2), Busey Wds (EJC); 29 May, Montrose H (RDH); 25 May (singing), Skokie Lagoons (Cook Co) (DRD); 25 May (2), Lyons Wds (EWW); 23 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 15 May, Porter Btms (Pulaski Co) (MML).

### Red-eyed Vireo

**EA**: 18 Apr, Union Co (KAM); 18 Apr, Ft Massac (KAM); 24 Apr, Busey Wds (EJC); 25 Apr, Siloam Springs (AGD); 25 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 26 Apr, Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 9 May, JP (FM, LK). **MC**: 48, Lyons Wds, 25 May (EWW); 21, Pomona, 25 Apr (KAM, MSS); 21, LCal, 26 May (WJM); 13, Sterling (Whiteside Co), 18 May (EWW); 10, Momence Wetlands, 30 May (JBH). **LD**: 3 Jun, NPond (GAW).

### Blue Jay

**EA**: 25 Apr (10 northbound), Zion (Lake Co) (EWW); 25 Apr, JP (PRC); 26 Apr (single flock of 35), Boone Co (AEB); 27 Apr, Montrose H (RDH). **MC**: 142, Linc.P, 3 May (GAW); 40, Carl.C, 2 May (DMK, MSS); 28, JP, 17 May (CBA, PRC); 27, Union Co, 5 Mar (KAM); 22, Wauk., 8 May (EWW); 18, LeVasseur P, 2 May (JBH). **LD**: 30 May, Montrose H (RDH).

### American Crow

**MC**: 60, Union Co, 9 May (MML); 28, Kendall Co, 1 Mar (CAT); 25, Montrose H, 19 Mar (GAW); 20, Carl.C, 29 Mar (DMK, MSS).

### Fish Crow

**EA**: 5 Mar, Grassy L (Union Co) (KAM); 15 Mar, HL (FRH); 26 Mar (5), n. of Lenzburg (St. Clair Co) (TJD). **MC**: 21, HL, 9 May (FRH); 19, Union Co, 9 May (VMK); 15, Ferne Clyffe SP (Johnson Co), 23 Apr (KAM, MSS); 14, New Athens (St. Clair Co), 10 Apr (TJD); 12, Carl.C, 13 Apr (DMK, MSS); 10, Bellrose Rsv, 12 Apr (DMK, MSS); 8, South Btms (Adams Co), 16 Apr (AGD). **Others**: 11 Apr (8, including flock of 5 that chased and killed a Pectoral Sandpiper), Bellrose Rsv (KAM); 24 May, Two Rivers NWR (Calhoun Co) (DMK); 25 May, Levee Rd (Monroe Co) (DMK, MSS).

### COMMON RAVEN

[3 Mar (2), La Salle Co].

### Horned Lark

**EA**: 6 Mar, Montrose H (GAW). **MC**: 51, Clinton Co, 9 May (KAM); 28, e. Kankakee Co, 6 Apr (JBH). **Other** (post-breeding wanderer?): 25 May (female), JP (PRC).

### Purple Martin

**EA**: 23 Mar (3), Sgmn Co (HDB); 23 Mar, New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 24 Mar, Jasper Co (CLH); 29 Mar, New Boston (Mercer Co) (MJB, DJM); 2 Apr, Heron P (Vermilion Co) (JOS); 11 Apr, L Summerset (Wbgo Co) (DTW, LGB); 18 Apr (male), JP (PRC); 25 Apr (2), Wauk. (EWW). **MC**: 40, Carl.C, 10 May (DMK, MSS); 33 (resident population), JP, 30 May (PRC); 15, Buttonland Swamp (Pulaski Co), 10 & 24 Apr (MML).

### Tree Swallow

**EA**: 6 Mar, Sgmn Co (HDB); 7 Mar, Woodford SFWA (MJW); 8 Mar, HL (FRH); 8 Mar (5), n. of Lenzburg (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 10 Mar, Heron P (Vermilion Co) (BGS); 11 Mar, PrRdg (CLH); 21 Mar, LeVasseur P (JBH); 21 Mar (4), Green R CA (Lee Co) (DTW); 12 Apr (male), JP (PRC). **MC**: 900+, Rend L (Franklin/Jefferson Cos), 13 Apr (KAM); 500+, HL, 30 Apr (KAM); 360, Rock Cut, 13 Apr (DTW); 300+, Mermet L, 31 Mar (KAM); 164, American Btms, 9 May (CC&PPD); 162, LCal, 9 May (WJM, SBB, MLB).

### Northern Rough-winged Swallow

**EA**: 28 Mar (3), Sgmn Co (HDB); 31 Mar (4), Mermet L (KAM); 2 Apr (2), Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF); 3 Apr (7), Kankakee Co (JBH); 4 Apr, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 11 Apr (6), Nygren Wetland Psv, Rockton (Wbgo Co) (DTW, LGB); 12 Apr (2), JP (PRC); 12 Apr (2), LCal (WJM); 15 Apr (4), Fulton Co (LLH); 17 Apr (4), Wauk. (EWW). **MC**: 172, LCal, 9 May (WJM, SBB, MLB); 85, Mermet L, 10 Apr (KAM); 39, JP, 9 May (PKD et al.); 15, Edgar Co, 9 May (CAT, TLK).

### Bank Swallow

**EA**: 9 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 10 Apr, Mermet L (KAM); 24 Apr (2), Montrose H (RDH); 26 Apr (4), Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 1 May, Somonauk (De Kalb Co) (DJS). **MC**: 300+, N Pt Marina, 31 May (DRD); 250, Bellrose Rsv, 6 May (MML); 65, Rockfd airport quarry, 9 May (DTW); 26, JP, 9 May (PRC). **LD**: 13 Jun (2), Montrose H (RDH).

### Cliff Swallow

**EA**: 29 Mar, East Fork L (Richland Co) (CLH); 31 Mar (5), Metropolis (Massac Co) (KAM); 9 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 24 Apr, Montrose H (RDH). **MC**: 500, Mel Price Dam, 11 May (DMK, MSS); 240, New Athens (St. Clair Co), 24 May (TJD); 213, American Btms, 9 May (CC&PPD); 200+, N Pt Marina, 9 May (DRD); 181, White Co, 9 May (RES); 54 (resident population), JP, 24 May (PRC). **LD**: 29 May, Montrose H (RDH).

### Barn Swallow

**EA**: 23 Mar, n. of New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 31 Mar, Jackson Co (KAM); 3 Apr, Homer L (Champaign Co) (*fide* EJC); 5 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 9 Apr, Montrose H (RDH); 11 Apr, Bartel Grassland (Cook Co) (WJM); 14 Apr (6), Mazonia SFWA (JBH). **MC**: 101, LCal, 9 May (WJM, SBB, MLB); 71, JP, 9 May (PRC et al.); 66, McDonough Co, 9 May (LLH); 40, Carl.C, 10 May (DMK, MSS).

### Carolina Chickadee

**MC**: 10, Carl.C, multiple dates Mar-Apr (DMK, MSS); 5, Fox Ridge SP (Coles Co), 14 Mar (CAT, TLK); 5, Union Co, 9 May (MML).

### Black-capped Chickadee

**MC**: 22, Winthrop H, 9 May (EWW); 18, Bakers L, Barrington (Cook Co), 9 May (GAW); 14, Bureau Co, 28 Mar (CAT, TLK).

### Tufted Titmouse

**MC**: 24, Union Co, 5 Mar & 9 May (KAM, VMK); 21, Washington Co, 20 Apr (CAT, TLK); 17, Jubilee College SP (Peoria Co), 3 May (JBH); 14, Edgar Co, 2 May (CAT, TLK); 12, Carl.C, 7 Mar (DMK). **Others**: 27 Apr, Jarvis Migratory Bird Sanctuary, Linc.P (PK); 17 Mar, Riverwoods (Lake Co) (EWW).

### Red-breasted Nuthatch

**MC**: 4, Swallow Cliff Wds FP, Palos, 7 Mar (GAW); 4, Putnam Co, 28 Mar (CAT, TLK); 3, Kendall Co, 1 Mar (CAT); 3, Fox Ridge SP (Coles Co), 14 Mar (CAT, TLK); 3, Meadowbrook P, Urb., 16 Mar (MML). **LD**: 10 May, Lyons Wds (EWW); 4 May, Richardson WF (Lee Co) (MJB); 4 May (male), LeVasseur P (JBH); 3 May, JP (PRC, JSM); 2 May, Montrose H (RDH). **Others**: 8 Mar, Busey Wds (GSL); 22 Mar, Mount Carroll (Carroll Co) (EWW).

### White-breasted Nuthatch

**EA**: 19 Mar, Montrose H (DKA). **MC**: 25, Porter Btms (Pulaski Co), 2 Mar (MML) – **record spring high count**; 14, Mackinaw Bluffs, 9 May (MEF); 12, Union Co, 5 Mar (KAM); 11, Cook Co, 9 May (GAW); 10, Piatt Co, 11 Apr (CAT, TLK); 9, Winthrop H, 9 May (EWW); 8, Momence Wetlands, 30 May (JBH). **LD**: 18 Apr, JP (PRC).

### Brown Creeper

**EA**: 25 Feb, Carl.C (KAM); 14 Mar, Linc.P (GAW); 15 Mar (2), Mackinaw Bluffs (MJW); 8 Apr, Warren Co (LLH); 9 Apr, Boone Co (AEB). **MC**: 6, Porter Btms (Pulaski Co), 2 Mar (MML); 6 (banded), Adams Sanctuary, 10 Apr (VMK); 6, Kankakee Co, 8 & 11 Apr (JBH); 6, NPond, 29 Apr (GAW); 4, Union Co, 5 Mar (KAM). **LD**: 15 May, Montrose H (KK); 9 May, JP (PAD, PKD); 23 Apr, Kankakee Co (JBH); 18 Apr, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 13 Apr, Atwood Ridge (Union Co) (KAM). **Other**: 30 May, Momence Wetlands (JBH).

### Carolina Wren

**MC**: 22, Union Co, 9 May (VMK); 10, Carl.C, 19 Apr (DMK, MSS); 9, Edgar Co, 9 May (CAT, TLK); 4, Kankakee Co, 5 Mar (JBH); 2, Dan Ryan Wds FP, Chi, 2 May (WJM).

### BEWICK'S WREN

**EA**: 14-15 Mar, U of IL swine research ponds, Urb. (MML, DTW, CAT, TLK, AAA, GSL:ph, m.ob.). **Other**: 21-26 May, Siloam Springs (KAM, MSS et al.).

### House Wren

**EA**: 13 Apr, Larue-Pine Hills (KAM); 15 Apr, Urb. (GSL); 18 Apr, Mackinaw Bluffs (MJW); 18 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 18 Apr, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 24 Apr (3), Montrose H (RDH); 24 Apr (2), JP (PRC); 25 Apr (4), Wauk. (EWW). **MC**: 38, Mackinaw Bluffs, 9 May (MEF); 32, Momence Wetlands, 30 May (JBH); 29, Edgar Co, 2 May (CAT, TLK); 29, LCal, 9 May (WJM, SBB, MLB); 20, Carl.C, 2 May (DMK, MSS); 10, Linc.P, 3 May (GAW).

*Bewick's Wren. University of Illinois Swine Ponds. Champaign County. March 2009. Photo by Greg Lambeth.*

### Winter Wren

**EA**: 19 Mar, Sgmn Co (HDB); 20 Mar, LeVasseur P (JBH); 23 Mar, Mackinaw Bluffs (MJW); 24 Mar, Montrose H (GAW); 4 Apr (2), McClaughrey Springs Wds FP, Palos (CAT, TLK); 5 Apr, Busey Wds (EJC); 7 Apr (2), IBSP (EWW); 10 Apr, Sannauk FP (De Kalb Co) (DJS). **MC**: 9, Porter Btms (Pulaski Co), 2 Mar (MML). **LD**: 9 May, Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF); 3 May, JP (BWH); 3 May, Montrose H (GAW); 2 May (singing), LeVasseur P (JBH); 22 Apr, Meadowbrook P, Urb. (MML); 19 Apr, Larue-Pine Hills (KAM); 10-11 Apr, Carl.C (DMK, MSS).

### Sedge Wren

**EA**: 26 Apr, JP (BWH); 28 Apr, w. of Victoria (MJB); 28 Apr (3), n. of Lenzburg (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 29 Apr, Urb. (GSL); 29 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 8 May, Plum Crk FP (Cook Co) (JWL); 9 May, Meridian Rd (Marion Co) (DMK, MSS); 19 May, Ryerson CA (Lake Co) (EWW). **MC**: 8, Iroquois Co CA, 29 May (GAW). **LD**: 14 May, Montrose H (IS). **Others**: 29 May (3), Chain-O-Lakes SP (McHenry Co) (EWW).

### Marsh Wren

**EA**: 16 Apr, South Btms (Adams Co) (AGD); 18 Apr, Karl Bartel LWR (Marion Co) (CLH, IOS); 24 Apr (5), Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF); 25 Apr, JP (CBA); 26 Apr, LCal (WJM); 27 Apr (2), Zion (Lake Co) (EWW). **MC**: 13, w. of Victoria, 28 Apr (MJB); 12, Spring Bluff FP (Lake Co), 24 May (EWW); 5, LCal, 9 May (WJM, SBB, MLB); 4, Montrose H, 1 May (RDH). **LD**: 25 May, JP (PRC); 20 May, PrRdg (Marion Co) (CLH); 20 May, Sgmn Co (HDB).

### Golden-crowned Kinglet

**EA**: 17 Mar (2), Kankakee Co (JBH); 18 Mar, NPond (GAW); 22 Mar, Warren (Jo Daviess Co) (EWW); 22 Mar, Shadow L (Henry Co) (EWW). **MC**: 40, Urb., 24 Mar (GSL); 30, Sand Ridge SF (Mason Co), 2 Apr (MJB, KBR); 22, Richardson WF (Lee Co), 3 Apr (MJB); 14, Kankakee Co, 3 Apr (JBH); 11, Rockfd, 4 Apr (DTW); 8, Montrose H, 26 Mar (GAW); 7, Piatt Co, 11 Apr (CAT, TLK); 4, Carl.C, 28 Mar (DMK, MSS). **LD**: 13 May, Montrose H (GSt); 3 May, JP (PRC); 26 Apr (2), Busey Wds (EJC); 19 Apr, Stephenson Co (CAT, TLK); 17 Apr, Kankakee Co (JBH); 14 Apr (2), n. of Avon (Warren Co) (LLH); 12 Apr (2), n. of Coulterville (Washington Co) (TJD); 11 Apr, Union Co (KAM).

### Ruby-crowned Kinglet

**EA**: 5 Mar (2), Union Co (KAM); 22 Mar (male), Sgmn Co (HDB); 29 Mar (2), Busey Wds (EJC); 29 Mar (2), n. of New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 2 Apr (3), Montrose H (DKA); 3 Apr (2), Kankakee Co (JBH); 4 Apr, Rockfd (DTW); 4 Apr, Lawrence Co (CLH); 9 Apr, IBSP (EWW). **MC**: 45, JP, 23 Apr (PRC); 35, Ewing P, Bloomington (McLean Co) , 24 Apr (MJW); 12 (banded), Adams Sanctuary, 27 Apr (VMK) - all males until 28 Apr (VMK); 12, LeVasseur P, 2 May (JBH); 10, Carl.C, 10-11 Apr (DMK, MSS); 5, IBSP, 25 Apr (EWW). **LD**: 30 May, Montrose H (GAW); 18 May, Sterling (Whiteside Co) (EWW); 17 May, Carl.C (KAM, DMK, MSS); 17 May, Sandy Crk (Marshall Co) (EWW); 15 May, Anna R. Page CF, Rockfd (DTW, BCW); 13 May, JP (PRC).

### Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

**EA**: 22 Mar, Urb. (GPW) – second earliest IL arrival date; 31 Mar (2), Pomona (KAM); 4 Apr, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 7 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 18 Apr (2), Linc. P (GAW); 18 Apr, JP (PRC); 26 Apr (4), Mazonia SFWA (JBH). **MC**: 48, Ft Massac, 18 Apr (KAM); 25, Edgar Co, 2 May (CAT, TLK); 24, Deer Grove West FP, Barrington (Cook Co), 9 May (GAW); 20, Carl.C, 2 May (DMK, MSS); 19, Mackinaw Bluffs, 9 May (MEF); 14, JP, 3 May (PRC); 14, IBSP, 14 May (EWW). **LD**: 12 Jun, Montrose H (RDH) – **record late migrant date**.

### Eastern Bluebird

**EA**: 25 Feb (2), e. Kankakee Co (JBH); 1 Mar (male), Boone Co (AEB); 2 Mar, Busey Wds (EJC); 18 Mar (male), IBSP (EWW). **MC**: 19, Union Co, 23 Apr (KAM, MSS); 16, McDonough Co, 9 May (LLH); 11, Edgar Co, 9 May (CAT, TLK); 10, Carl.C, 7 Mar (DMK). **LD**: 30 May, Montrose H (GAW); 22 Apr (female), JP (PRC).

### Veery

**EA**: 25 Apr, Larue-Pine Hills (DTW, DFS, CAT); 27 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 28 Apr, Meadowbrook P, Urb. (CKA); 30 Apr, Montrose H (DKA); 1 May (banded), Adams Sanctuary (VMK); 2 May, Dan Ryan Wds FP, Chi (WJM); 3 May, Jubilee College SP (Peoria Co) (JBH); 9 May (2), Pecatonica (Wbgo Co) (DTW, BCW). **MC**: 12, JP, 9 May (PRC, BWH); 8, Mackinaw Bluffs, 16 May (MJW); 4, e. Kankakee Co, 9 May (JBH); 3, Moultrie Co, 9 May (TAM); 3 (banded), Adams Sanctuary, 15 May (VMK). **LD**: 7 Jun, JP (PRC); 1 Jun, Montrose H (RDH); 17 May, Urb. (RK); 16 May, Buttonland Swamp (Pulaski Co) (MML).

### Gray-cheeked Thrush

**EA**: 24 Apr (banded), Adams Sanctuary (VMK); 25 Apr, Pomona (KAM, MSS); 25 Apr, Larue-Pine Hills (DTW, DFS, CAT); 25 Apr (2), Cache R SNA (Johnson Co) (MML); 26 Apr, Busey Wds (EJC); 27 Apr, Montrose H (RDH); 28 Apr (2), Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 2 May (2), Carl.C (DMK, MSS). **MC**: 3, JP, 9 May (PRC, BWH); 3 (banded), Adams Sanctuary, 14 May (VMK); 3, Montrose H, 23 May (GAW). **LD**: 30 May, JP (PRC); 30 May (2), NPond (SJH); 29 May, Cache R SNA (Johnson Co) (MML); 27 May, Beckman P, Kankakee (JBH); 18 May, Sterling (Whiteside Co) (EWW); 17 May, Sandy Crk (Marshall Co) (EWW); 16 May (2), Carl.C (DMK, KAM, MSS). **Remarks**: Extremely scarce this season (PRC).

### Swainson's Thrush

**EA**: 17 Apr, Beall Wds SP (Wabash Co) (RES); 18 Apr, Boone Co (AEB); 19 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 22 Apr, JP (PJP); 24 Apr, Busey Wds (EJC). **MC**: 42, Siloam Springs, 9 May (AGD); 20, Carl.C, 2 May (DMK, MSS); 19, JP, 9 May (PRC, BWH); 11, LeVasseur P, 17 & 20 May (JBH); 8 (banded), Adams Sanctuary, 14 May (VMK); 8, Sterling (Whiteside Co), 18 May (EWW). **LD**: 11 Jun (2), Montrose H (GAW); 31 May (2), LeVasseur P (JBH); 24 May, Busey Wds (EJC); 23 May (2), Portage Wds FP, Lyons (Cook Co) (KAM, MSS, TLK); 17 May, HL (FRH); 17 May (8), Carl.C (DMK, KAM, MSS).

### Hermit Thrush

**EA**: 17 Mar, Montrose H (ABB); 29 Mar, LeVasseur P (JBH); 4 Apr (2), Anna R. Page CF, Rockfd (DTW, BCW); 4 Apr, Shabbona L SP (De Kalb Co) (DJS); 8 Apr, Warren Co (LLH). **MC**: 36, JP, 19 Apr (PRC); 17, Montrose H, 18 Apr (GAW); 6, Busey Wds, 12 Apr (EJC); 4 (banded), Adams Sanctuary, 2 Apr (VMK); 4, Kankakee Co, 8 Apr (JBH); 3, Carl.C, 29 Mar (DMK, MSS). **LD**: 12 May, Kankakee R SP (JBH); 9 May, JP (PRC); 9 May, Deer Grove West FP, Barrington (Cook Co) (GAW); 9 May, Pecatonica (Wbgo Co) (DTW, BCW); 25 Apr, Larue-Pine Hills (DTW, DFS, CAT); 20 Apr, HL (FRH). **Others** (overwintered?): 15 Mar (2), Busey Wds (EJC).

### Wood Thrush

**EA**: 18 Apr, Larue-Pine Hills (KAM); 22 Apr, Nelson L (Kane Co) (DJS); 24 Apr, Spoon L (Knox Co) (MJB); 24 Apr, Heron Pond NPsv (CLH); 26 Apr, JP (BWH); 29 Apr, Lake Forest (Lake Co) (EWW); 6 May, Rockfd (DTW). **MC**: 14, Union Co, 9 May (VMK); 7, Edgar Co, 9 May (CAT, TLK); 7, Kankakee R SP, 12 May (JBH); 6, Carl.C, 2 May (DMK, MSS); 4, Deer Grove West FP, Barrington (Cook Co), 9 May (GAW); 3, Montrose H, 6 May (CBT). **LD**: 20 May, Montrose H (MMC); 11 May, JP (CBA).

### American Robin

**EA**: 18 Feb, NPond (GAW); 21 Feb (2), Kankakee Co (JBH). **MC**: 342, NPond, 25 Mar (GAW); 300+, Pulaski Co, 5 Mar (KAM); 280, Woodford Co, 2 Apr (CAT); 237, Edgar Co, 9 May (CAT, TLK); 105, LeVasseur P, 29 Mar (JBH); 104, Clinton Co, 9 May (KAM).

### Varied Thrush

**EA**: 25 Mar (ad. male), Evanston (Cook Co) (MMC:ph).

### Gray Catbird

**EA**: 19 Apr, HL (FRH); 24 Apr, Chi (COG); 24 Apr (2), JP (PRC et al.); 24 Apr, Kankakee (JBH); 24 Apr, Spoon L (Knox Co) (MJB); 24 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 24 Apr (3), Buttonland Swamp (Pulaski Co) (MML); 24 Apr, Ft Massac (KAM, MSS); 25 Apr, Lawrence Co (CLH); 27 Apr, Zion (Lake Co) (EWW); 4 May (2), Rockfd (DTW, BCW). **MC**: 43, JP, 9 May (PRC et al.); 32, LCal, 9 May (WJM, SBB, MLB); 24, LeVasseur P, 17 May (JBH); 21, McDonough Co, 9 May (LLH); 20, Carl.C, 9 May (DMK); 12, Edgar Co, 9 May (CAT, TLK); 12, IBSP, 14 May (EWW); 11 (banded), Adams Sanctuary, 27 Apr (VMK). **Other** (overwintered): 15 Mar, Meadowbrook P, Urb. (BGS).

### Northern Mockingbird

**EA**: **14 Mar**, Spitler Wds SNA (Macon Co) (TAM); 17 Apr, Montrose H (RDH); 19 Apr, Busey Wds (GSL); 26 Apr, Northerly Island, Chi (BRK:ph); 9 May, Pecatonica (Wbgo Co) (DTW, BCW). **MC**: 5, Edgar Co, 9 May (CAT, TLK); 4, Metropolis (Massac Co), 15 Mar (KAM); 4, w. of Dongola (Union Co), 23 Apr (KAM, MSS); 4, Fairmont City (St. Clair Co), 25 May (DMK, MSS); 4, Lower Cache R (Pulaski Co), 30 May (DMK, MSS); 3, Pembroke Twp, 7 May (JBH); 2, Urb., 5 May (MML); 2, Moultrie Co, 9 May (TAM). **LD**: 7 May, Linc. P (RC). **Others**: 27 Apr, Chi (TBL); 27 Apr, Springbrook (Du Page Co) (JAS); 11 May, Lake Bluff Open Lands (Lake Co) (EWW); 26 May, Wolf L, LCal (WJM); 26 May, Midewin Pr (JWL).

### Brown Thrasher

**EA**: **5 Mar**, Union Co (KAM); 16 Mar, Sgmn Co (HDB); 16 Mar, Jasper Co (MJB, APS); 19 Mar, Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF); 24 Mar, Montrose H (TFK); 25 Mar, Urb. (IP); 3 Apr, Kankakee Co (JBH); 5 Apr (window-kill), Severson Dells FP (Wbgo Co) (DTW); 12 Apr (2), JP (PKD). **MC**: 15, Carl.C, 9 May (DMK); 12, Mazonia SFWA, 20 Apr (JBH); 12, Edgar Co, 2 May (CAT, TLK); 11, Linc. P, 3 May (GAW); 9, near Ware (Union Co), 19 Apr (KAM); 7, Zion (Lake Co), 27 Apr (EWW). **LD**: 22 May, JP (CBA); 21 May, Montrose H (GAW).

### European Starling

**MC**: 500, Grundy Co, 13 Mar (CAT, TLK); 479, Kendall Co, 1 Mar (CAT); 400, Woodford Co, 2 Apr (CAT); 203, Edgar Co, 9 May (CAT, TLK); 159, Linc. P, 14 Mar (GAW).

### American Pipit (1st passage)

**EA**: 5 Mar, Union Co (KAM); 5 Mar (2), E Cape Girardeau (KAM); 7 Mar (2), Carl.C (DMK); 11 Mar, PrRdg (CLH); 17 Mar (2), Vermilion Co (JOS); 17 Mar, Urb. (JOS); 17 Mar, Sgmn Co (HDB); 26 Mar, Montrose H (GAW); 4 Apr, nw. Henry Co (EWW); 10 Apr (5), New Milford (Wbgo Co) (DTW). **MC**: **400**, Carl. C, 28 Mar (DMK, MSS); 200+, Union Co, 15 Mar (KAM, DMK, MSS); 100, Sgmn Co, 22 Mar (HDB); 60, s. of Freeburg (St. Clair Co), 23 Mar (TJD).

### American Pipit (2nd passage)

**EA**: 11 Apr, HL (FRH); 26 Apr (2), Montrose H (RDH); 2 May (2), Wauk. (TBL); 5 May, Wenona (Marshall Co) (EWW); 5 May, Minonk (Woodford Co) (EWW); 8 May (3), Kankakee Co (JBH); 9 May (2), Rockfd airport quarry (DTW). **MC**: **350**, Carl.C, 18 Apr (DMK, MSS); 25+, Lyerla L (Union Co), 24 Apr (KAM); 19, Linc.P, 3 May (GAW). **LD**: 23 May, Prairie Green Psv (Kane Co) (EWW); 20 May (2), nw. Wbgo Co (DTW); 18 May (2), Montrose H (GAW); **17 May**, Santa Fe Btms (DMK, MSS); 17 May, Spring Valley (Bureau Co) (EWW); 14 May, Pembroke Twp (JBH); 14 May, IBSP (EWW); 9 May (3), Knox Co (MJB, DJM); 8 May, n. Shelby Co (TAM).

### Cedar Waxwing (1st passage)

**EA**: 6 Mar (12), Montrose H (JNN); 13 Mar, Grundy Co (CAT, TLK). **MC**: 125+, Metropolis (Massac Co), 15 Mar (KAM, DMK, MSS); 120+, Freeport (Stephenson Co), 6 Mar (EWW); 105, LeVasseur P, 23 Mar (JBH); 45+, Savanna (Carroll Co), 22 Mar (EWW). **Remarks**: Numbers increasing at some sites throughout March, indicating an influx of migrants; but as with other semi-hardy species, migrant arrival dates difficult to pin-point due to the presence of winter residents.

### Cedar Waxwing (2nd passage)

**EA**: 6 May (8), Montrose H (RDH); 8 May, HL (FRH); 10 May (2), North Chicago (Lake Co) (EWW); 13 May, McClaughry Springs (Cook Co) (PD:ph). **MC**: 200, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 25 May (DMK, MSS); 200, NPond, 30 May (SJH); 95+, Wauk., 21 May (EWW); 80, Carl.C, 17 May (DMK, KAM, MSS); 25+, Waterfall Glen FP (Du Page Co), 24 May (KAM, MSS).

### Blue-winged Warbler

**EA**: 23 Apr (8), Jackson Co (MSS, KAM); 24 Apr, Busey Wds (EJC); 25 Apr, Montrose H (KH); 26 Apr, Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 1 May (2 banded), Adams Sanctuary (VMK); 2 May (2), Edgar Co (CAT, TLK); 2 May (2), Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 3 May (3), Rockfd (DTW, BCW). **MC**: 9, Pomona, 25 Apr (MSS, KAM). **LD**: 20 May (male), Kankakee (JBH); 11 May, JP (CBA); 9 May, Clinton Co (KAM). **"Brewster's Warbler"**: 25 May, Busey Wds (*fide* EJC).

### Golden-winged Warbler

**EA**: 25 Apr, Jackson Co (KAM, MSS); 25 Apr, Union Co (CAT, DTW, DFS); 26 Apr, n. of Coulterville (Washington Co) (TJD); 27 Apr, Busey Wds (EJC); 28 Apr (male), Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 28 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 30 Apr (banded), Adams Sanctuary (VMK); 8 May, nw. Wbgo Co (DTW); 11 May (male), JP (KMC). **MC**: 8, Knox Co, 9 May (MJB, DJM); 4, Moultrie Co, 9 May (TAM); 3, Deer Grove West FP, Barrington (Cook Co), 9 May (GAW); 3, Carl.C, 10 May (DMK, MSS); 3 (banded), Adams Sanctuary, 14 May (VMK); 2 (pair), JP, 16 May (CBA). **LD**: 22 May (female), JP (CBA, KAM, MSS, TLK, APS); 17 May, Busey Wds (EJC); 9 May, Union Co (MML).

### Tennessee Warbler

**EA**: 18 Apr, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 19 Apr (5), Larue-Pine Hills (KAM); 19 Apr, Porter Btms (Pulaski Co) (MML); 24 Apr, Bloomington (McLean Co) (MJW); 24 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 26 Apr, Busey Wds (EJC); 27 Apr, JP (SF); 28 Apr, Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 4 May, Rockfd (DTW). **MC**: 53, Knox Co, 8 May (MJB); 37, Sterling (Whiteside Co), 18 May (EWW); 27, Clinton Co, 9 May (KAM); 10, Montrose H, 14 May (GAW). **LD**: 5 Jun, Montrose H (RDH); 24 May (6), Busey Wds (EJC); 23 May (2), LeVasseur P (JBH); 17 May (4), Carl. C (DMK, KAM, MSS).

### Orange-crowned Warbler

**EA**: 19 Apr, Busey Wds (EJC); 19 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 19 Apr, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 19 Apr, near Ware (Union Co) (KAM); 19 Apr, Larue-Pine Hills (KAM); 24 Apr, Montrose H (KH); 24 Apr, JP (SF); 2 May, LeVasseur P (JBH). **MC**: 4, JP, 9 May (PRC, BWH); 4, e. Kankakee Co, 9 May (JBH); 3 (banded), Adams Sanctuary, 25 Apr (VMK). **LD**: 27 May, NPond (GAW et al.); 25 May, Lyons Wds (EWW); 18 May, Hennepin Canal (Bureau/Whiteside Cos) (EWW); 17

May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 16 May, JP (PRC, KDA); 10 May, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 22 Apr, Ft Massac (KAM).

### Nashville Warbler

**EA**: 19 Apr, Larue-Pine Hills (KAM); 24 Apr, Ewing P, Bloomington (McLean Co) (MJW); 24 Apr, Busey Wds (EJC); 24 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 25 Apr, HL (FRH); 26 Apr, Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 27 Apr, JP (PRC). **MC**: 20, Cache R SNA (Johnson Co), 25 Apr (MML); 17, Mackinaw Bluffs, 9 May (MEF); 14 (banded), Adams Sanctuary, 25 Apr (VMK); 14, Bakers L & Deer Grove West FP, Barrington (Cook Co), 9 May (GAW); 12, Carl.C, 3 May (DMK, MSS); 10, LeVasseur P, 17 May (JBH); 6, NPond, 6 May (GAW). **LD**: 7 Jun, Lyons Wds (EWW); 30 May, NPond (SJH); 24 May, Busey Wds (GSL); 20 May, JP (SF); 17 May, Carl.C (DMK, KAM, MSS).

### Northern Parula

**EA**: 3 Apr, Cache R SNA (Johnson Co) (MML); 6 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 6 Apr (3), Pomona (KAM); 9 Apr, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 18 Apr, Mackinaw Bluffs (MJW); 19 Apr, Busey Wds (EJC); 24 Apr, n. of Spoon L (Knox Co) (MJB); 26 Apr, Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 27 Apr, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co) (JSA); 27 Apr (female), JP (PRC); 11 May, Rockfd (BCW); 14 May (2), Ryerson CA (Lake Co) (EWW). **MC**: **38**, Pomona, 23 Apr (KAM); 19, Miss. R blufflands (Monroe Co), 9 May (CC&PPD); 11, Edgar Co, 9 May (CAT, TLK); 5, LeVasseur P, 2 May (JBH). **LD**: 29 May, Montrose H (RDH); 16 May, JP (SF).

### Yellow Warbler

**EA**: 18 Apr, Grassy Slough Psv (Johnson Co) (KAM); 18 Apr, Mermet L (KAM); 19 Apr (male), JP (JSM); 19 Apr (4), Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 24 Apr, Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF); 24 Apr, Busey Wds (EJC); 24 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 26 Apr (7), Mazonia SFWA (JBH). **MC**: **79**, LCal, 9 May (WJM, SBB, MLB); 20, JP, 17 May (PRC); 8, Edgar Co, 9 May (CAT, TLK); 6 (banded), Adams Sanctuary, 28 Apr (VMK).

### Chestnut-sided Warbler

**EA**: **24 Apr**, Ft Massac (KAM, MSS); 26 Apr, Busey Wds (EJC); 27 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 1 May (male), JP (PRC); 2 May, Edgar Co (CAT, TLK); 2 May, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 6 May (2 males), LeVasseur P (JBH); 8 May, nw. Wbgo Co (DTW). **MC**: 10, JP, 9 May (PRC et al.); 7, LeVasseur P, 17 May (JBH); 6, Carl.C, 16 May (DMK, KAM, MSS); 5, Sterling (Whiteside Co), 18 May (EWW); 4, Moultrie Co, 9 May (TAM). **LD**: 3 Jun (2), Montrose H (RDH); 28 May, Kankakee (JBH); 23 May, Salt Crk Wds (KAM, MSS, TLK); 21 May, St. Charles (Kane Co) (DJS).

### Magnolia Warbler

**EA**: 1 May, Sgmn Co (HDB); 5 May (2), Crystal L P (Champaign Co) (MML); 6 May (2), NPond (GAW); 8 May (male), Kankakee (JBH); 9 May (3), Moultrie Co (TAM); 9 May (4), Clinton Co (KAM). **MC**: 17, JP, 17 May (PRC); 17, LeVasseur P, 17 May (JBH); 16, Sterling (Whiteside Co), 18 May (EWW); 10, Carl.C, 16 May (KAM); 10, Sandy Crk (Marshall Co), 17 May (EWW); 9 (banded), Adams Sanctuary, 15 May (VMK). **LD**: 8 Jun (5), Montrose H (RDH); 4 Jun (female), Sgmn Co (HDB); 31 May (7), Busey Wds (EJC); 31 May (3), LeVasseur P (JBH); 30 May, Heron Pond NPsv (DMK, MSS); 24 May, Waterfall Glen FP (Du Page Co) (KAM, MSS).

### Cape May Warbler

**EA**: 25 Apr, Jackson Co (KAM, MSS); 30 Apr, L Storey (Knox Co) (PJR); 3 May, Linc.P (GAW); 3 May, Crystal L P (Champaign Co) (EJC); 4 May (male), LeVasseur P (JBH). **MC**: 8, Anna R. Page CF, Rockfd, 15 May (DTW, BCW); 7, Mackinaw Bluffs, 16 May (MJW); 5, NPond, 13 May (GAW); 3, Carl.C, 2 May (DMK, MSS). **LD**: 27 May (2), NPond (GAW); 17 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 16 May, Carl.C (KAM).

### Black-throated Blue Warbler

**EA**: 6 May, Rockfd (LGB); 9 May (female), Montrose H (TFK); 9 May (male), Linc.P Zoo (AAA); 9 May (3), JP (FM et al.); 9 May, Urb. (GS); 9 May (male), Sullivan Wds (Moultrie Co) (TAM). **MC**: 6, Lake Co, 9 May (DRD); 4, JP, 16 May (CBA); 3, Montrose H, 14 May (DRD). **LD**: **31 May**, Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF) – **record late date outside n. IL**; 30 May, NPond (SJH); 26 May (female), JP (SF); 25 May (female), Lyons Wds (EWW); 16 May, LaBagh Wds FP, Chi (MJB); 12 May, Herrick L FP (Du Page Co) (DL).

### Yellow-rumped Warbler

**EA**: 20 Mar, LeVasseur P (JBH); 28 Mar, Meadowbrook P, Urb. (EJC); 31 Mar (5), Sgmn Co (HDB); 1 Apr, Spoon L (Knox Co) (MJB); 2 Apr, Montrose H (RDH, KH); 5 Apr (2), Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 18 Apr (10), IBSP (EWW). **MC**: **400**, Carl.C, 2 May (DMK, MSS); 100+, Logan (Franklin Co), 28 Apr (LS); 75, La Salle Co, 26 Apr (DJS); 58, LeVasseur P, 2 May (JBH); 45, Spoon L (Knox Co), 28 Apr (MJB); 33, JP, 5 May (KMC); 33, NPond, 6 May (GAW). **LD**: 31 May (male), JP (KMC); 18 May, Champaign Co (EJC); 17 May (3), LeVasseur P (JBH); 15 May, East St. Louis (St. Clair Co) (DJS); 9 May, Union Co (MML).

### Black-throated Green Warbler

**EA**: 8 Apr, Union Co (KAM); 19 Apr, Busey Wds (EJC); 26 Apr, Montrose H (RDH); 26 Apr (4), LCal (WJM, SF, SBB); 26 Apr, Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 26 Apr, Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF). **MC**: 11, Deer Grove West FP, Barrington (Cook Co), 9 May (GAW); 8, Ryerson CA (Lake Co), 11 May (EWW); 5, NPond, 27 May (GAW); 4, Carl.C, multiple dates 2-16 May (DMK, MSS); 4, Edgar Co, 9 May (CAT, TLK); 4, Union Co, 9 May (MML); 4, Kankakee R SP, 12 May (JBH). **LD**: **15 Jun**, Montrose H (GAW); 7 Jun, Montrose H (RDH); 3 Jun (2 males), JP (PRC); 26 May, Cache R (Pulaski Co) (MML); 23 May, Salt Crk Wds (KAM, MSS, TLK); 17 May (4), Busey Wds (GSL); 17 May, LeVasseur P (JBH).

*Blue-winged Warbler. McCLaughry Springs Woods, Cook County. 13 May 2009. Photo by Paul Dacko.*

### Blackburnian Warbler

**EA**: 26 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 26 Apr, n. of Coulterville (Washington Co) (TJD); 27 Apr, Busey Wds (EJC); 27 Apr, LeVasseur P (JBH); 1 May, JP (SF); 4 May (2), Rockfd (DTW, BCW). **MC**: 10, Lyons Wds, 25 May (EWW); 9 (males), McDonald Wds FP (Lake Co), 15 May (DRD); 6, JP, 14 May (CBA); 6, Montrose H, 27 May (JNN); 6, Sterling (Whiteside Co), 18 May (EWW); 4, Carl.C, 16 May (DMK, KAM, MSS). **LD**: 4 Jun, Old School FP (Lake Co) (EWW); 3 Jun (3), Montrose H (RDH); 30 May (female), JP (PRC).

### Yellow-throated Warbler

**EA**: 31 Mar, Pomona (KAM); 31 Mar, Horseshoe L CA (Alexander Co) (KAM); 5 Apr, Camp Joy, near Carlyle (Clinton Co) (DMK, MSS); **6 Apr** (3), IBSP (JWL); 11 Apr, Piatt Co (CAT, TLK); 11 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 18 Apr, Sugar R FP (Wbgo Co) (EBC); 24 Apr, n. of Spoon L (Knox Co) (MJB); 30 Apr, Linc.P (JNN). **MC**: **17**, Pomona, 23 Apr (KAM, MSS); 12, Hogan's Btms (Union Co), 17 Apr (MML); 10, Cache R SNA (Johnson Co), 25 Apr (MML). **Others**: 8 May, Green Oaks Biological Field Station (Knox Co) (MJB); 12 May, Kankakee R SP (JBH).

### Pine Warbler

**EA**: 15 Mar, Crab Or. (KAM, MSS, DMK); 21-22 Mar (2, nest building), Carl. C (DMK, MSS); 26 Mar (2), Sand Ridge SF (Mason Co) (MJB, KBR); 2 Apr, Stephen A. Forbes SP (Marion Co) (CLH); 3-4 Apr (male at feeder), Kankakee (JBH); 17 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 18 Apr (5 males), JP (CBA, PRC); 19 Apr, Evergreen L (McLean/Woodford Cos) (MEF); 20 Apr, Rockfd (BCW). **MC**: 5 (males), JP, as above; 4, Larue-Pine Hills, 23 Apr (KAM, MSS); 4, Rockfd, 3 May (DTW); 3, Waterfall Glen FP (Du Page Co), 24 May (KAM, MSS). **LD**: 13 May (2 females), JP (PRC); 27 Apr (2), LeVasseur P (JBH). **Other** (overwintered): 16 Feb, Busey Wds (EJC).

### Prairie Warbler

**EA**: 17 Apr (2), Hogan's Btms (Union Co) (MML); 18 Apr (6), Heron Pond NPsv (KAM); 18 Apr, Ft Massac (KAM); 19 & 22 Apr, Sgmn Co (RAD); 25 Apr, Chauncey M (Lawrence Co) (CLH); 25 Apr, Red Hills SP (Lawrence Co) (CLH); 26 Apr, Evanston (Cook Co) (MMC); 26 Apr, Busey Wds (EJC). **MC**: 10, Johnson Co, 22 Apr (KAM, MSS). **LD**: **20 Jun**, Montrose H (ABB, KH:ph); 19 May (female), JP (PRC); 13 May, NPond (GAW); 29 Apr & 2 May, Busey Wds (MML, GSL et al.). **Others**: 2 May (pair), n. of Coulterville (Washington Co) (TJD); 3 May (on territory), Putnam Co (JAS); 10-23 May, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 31 May, Cypress Crk NWR (Pulaski Co) (JKD, DMK, KAM, MSS).

### Palm Warbler

**EA**: **23 Mar** (*D.p. palmarum*), Carl.C (MSS) - **record early arrival** (the previous earliest being 25 Mar 2005); 18 Apr, Mackinaw Bluffs (MJW); 18 Apr, Grassy Slough Psv (Johnson Co) (KAM); 19 Apr, JP (PRC); 19 Apr (2), Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 19 Apr, Busey Wds (EJC); 19 Apr, HL (FRH); 20 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB). **MC**: **300**, Carl.C, 2 May (DMK, MSS) – **record high count for s. IL**; 153, JP, 9 May (PRC et al.); 60, LCal, 9 May (WJM, SBB, MLB); 54, e. Kankakee Co, 9 May (JBH); 50, Bellrose Rsv, 24 Apr (CAT); 22, Mackinaw Bluffs, 9 May (MEF); 7 (banded), Adams Sanctuary, 1 May (VMK). **LD**: 23 May (4), Linc.P (GAW, SJH); 17 May (4), Busey Wds (EJC); 17 May (4 - 3 females), LeVasseur P (JBH); 10 May (80), Carl.C (DMK, MSS).

### Bay-breasted Warbler

**EA**: 24 Apr, Ft Massac (MSS, KAM); **25 Apr**, Busey Wds (EJC); 29 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 7 May (male), JP (KMC); 8 May, Edgar Co (CAT, TLK); 9 May (2), e. Kankakee Co (JBH); 9 May (3), Moultrie Co (TAM); 9 May, Carl. C (DMK); 15 May (6), Anna R. Page CF, Rockfd (DTW, BCW). **MC**: 10,

Busey Wds, 17 May (EJC); 8, Sterling (Whiteside Co), 18 May (EWW); 7, JP, 14 May (CBA); 6, Rockfd, as above; 6, Ft Massac, 17 May (CLH, VMK et al.). **LD**: 29 May, Montrose H (RDH); 28 May (female), JP (PRC); 21 May, Mazonia SFWA (JBH).

### Blackpoll Warbler

**EA**: 25 Apr, Jackson Co (KAM, MSS); 25 Apr, Cache R SNA (Johnson Co) (MML); 25 Apr, Larue-Pine Hills (DTW, DFS, CAT); 26 Apr, Busey Wds (EJC); 27 Apr, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co) (JSA); 29 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 2 May (4), Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 6 May (female), JP (PRC); 6 May (male), LeVasseur P (JBH). **MC**: 22 (13 males, 9 females), JP, 20 May (PRC); 13, Carl.C, 16 May (KAM); 11, LCal, 26 May (WJM); 8, Moultrie Co, 9 May (TAM); 7, Anna R. Page CF, Rockfd, 15 May (DTW, BCW). **LD**: **20 Jun**, Montrose H (ABB) – **second latest IL date** and **record late date for n. IL**; 7 Jun (male), JP (PRC); 7 Jun, Lyons Wds (EWW); 2 Jun (male), Swallow Cliff Wds FP (Cook Co) (WJM, JWL, KKM); 31 May (3), Busey Wds (EJC); 30 May, Momence Wetlands (JBH); 24 May, East St. Louis (St. Clair Co) (DMK); 16 May, Buttonland Swamp (Pulaski Co) (MML).

*Louisiana Waterthrush, McClaughry Springs Woods, Cook County. 15 May 2009. Photo by Brian Tang.*

### Cerulean Warbler

**EA**: 18 Apr, Pomona (KAM); 24 Apr, Busey Wds (EJC); 24 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 25 Apr (2-3), Chauncey M (Lawrence Co) (CLH); 26 Apr, n. of Coulterville (Washington Co) (TJD); 29 Apr (2), Beall Wds SP (Wabash Co) (CLH); 30 Apr (2), Mississippi Palisades SP (Carroll Co) (EWW); 30 Apr, Linc. P (PK, MA); 2 May (female), JP (CBA); 6 May, Elsen's Hill, West Du Page Wds FP (Du Page Co) (DL). **MC**: 10, Pomona, 25 Apr (KAM, MSS); 2, Miss. R blufflands (Monroe Co), 9 May (CC&PPD). **LD**: 16 May (male), JP (SF, GN). **Others**: 8 May, Green Oaks Biological Field Station (Knox Co) (MJB); 8 May, Porter Btms (Pulaski Co) (MML).

### Black-and-white Warbler

**EA**: **31 Mar**, Larue-Pine Hills (KAM); 11 Apr, Cache R SNA (Johnson Co) (MML); 24 Apr, Montrose H (RDH); 24 Apr, JP (SF); 25 Apr, Busey Wds (EJC); 26 Apr, IBSP (EWW); 30 Apr, Kankakee (JBH); 2 May (2), Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 3 May (2), Rockfd (DTW). **MC**: 18, JP, 9 May (PRC et al.); 13, Deer Grove West FP, Barrington (Cook Co), 9 May (GAW); 7, Moultrie Co, 9 May (TAM); 6, Starved Rock SP (La Salle Co), 26 Apr (DJS); 3, Union Co, 9 May (MML). **LD**: 7 Jun (2 males), JP (PRC); 3 Jun (2), Montrose H (RDH); 31 May, Busey Wds (EJC); 24 May (female), Eggers Wds FP, LCal (WJM); 23 May (2), LeVasseur P (JBH); 21 May, Siloam Springs (KAM); 17 May (2), Carl.C (DMK, KAM, MSS). **Other** (on territory?): 31 May (singing male), Miss. R blufflands (Monroe Co) (CC&PPD).

### American Redstart

**EA**: 18 Apr, Pomona (KAM); 24 Apr, Ewing P, Bloomington (McLean Co) (MJW); **25 Apr**, Montrose H (ABB); 25 Apr (2), n. of Lenzburg (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 26 Apr, Busey Wds (EJC); 27 Apr, LeVasseur P (JBH). **MC**: 40, Carl.C, 2 May (DMK, MSS); 39, Pomona, 25 Apr (KAM, MSS); 32, Montrose H, 23 May (GAW); 20+, Sandy Crk (Marshall Co), 17 May (EWW); 17, LeVasseur P, 17 May (JBH); 11 (banded), Adams Sanctuary, 14 May (VMK). **LD**: 11 Jun, Montrose H (GAW); 6 Jun (female), Sgmn Co (HDB); 31 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 24 May, Busey Wds (EJC).

### Prothonotary Warbler

**EA**: **6 Apr**, Larue-Pine Hills (KAM); 18 Apr, IBSP (EWW); 18 Apr (male), Kankakee Co (JBH); 18 Apr, Busey Wds (EJC); 18 Apr, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 25 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 4 May, Montrose H (DKA). **MC**: 25, Hogan's Btms (Union Co), 17 Apr (MML); 25, Buttonland Swamp (Pulaski Co), 16 & 23 May (MML); 25, Cache R SNA (Johnson Co), 29 May (MML); 14, Massac Co, 18 Apr (KAM); 8, e. of New Athens (St. Clair Co), 21 May (TJD); 6, Momence Wetlands, 30 May (JBH). **LD**: 16 May, JP (CBA et al.); 16 May, Linc.P (RC).

### Worm-eating Warbler

**EA**: 18 Apr (5), Union Co (KAM); 24 Apr, JP (PRC, BAS, SF); 24 Apr, Busey Wds (EJC); 25 Apr (banded), Adams Sanctuary (VMK); 25 Apr, Beall Wds SP (Wabash Co) (RES); 26 Apr, Hegewisch M, LCal (SF, WJM, SBB et al.); 26 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 27 Apr, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co) (JSA); 28 Apr, LaBagh Wds FP, Chi (JWL). **MC**: 11, Union Co, 23 Apr (KAM, MSS); 9, Pomona, 25 Apr (KAM, MSS); 3, Adams Sanctuary, 28 Apr (VMK) - all recaptures from that week's banding on 25 Apr (1) and 27 Apr (2) (VMK). **LD**: 26 Apr, JP (BWH). **Others**: 5 May, Pere Marquette SP (Jersey Co) (EWW); 7 May, Stephen A. Forbes SP (Marion Co) (CLH); 8 May, Green Oaks Biological Field Station (Knox Co) (MJB); 17 May, n. of Coulterville (Washington Co) (TJD) - first time recorded at site in 17 years of data (TJD); 24 May, Red Hills SP (Lawrence Co) (CLH); 30 May (2), Pomona (DMK, MSS).

### SWAINSON'S WARBLER

[**EA**: 10 May, Cook Co].

### Ovenbird

**EA**: 22 Apr, Williamson Co (CAT); 22 Apr, Union Co (CAT); 24 Apr, Montrose H (OHM); 25 Apr (3), JP (CBA); 25 Apr, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co) (JSA); 26 Apr, Busey Wds (EJC); 26 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 2 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 2 May (2), Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 4 May, Rock Cut (DTW). **MC**: 17, JP, 9 May (PRC et al.); 13, Kankakee R SP, 12 May (JBH); 8 (banded), Adams Sanctuary, 11 May (VMK); 4, Moultrie Co, 9 May (TAM); 4, Carl.C, 10 May (DMK, MSS). **LD**: 9 Jun, Montrose H (RDH); 31 May, Eggers Wds FP, LCal (WJM); 24 May, Busey Wds (EJC); 17 May (2), Carl.C (DMK, KAM, MSS).

### Northern Waterthrush

**EA**: **10 Apr**, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 19 Apr, Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 19 Apr, near Ware (Union Co) (KAM); 24 Apr, Chi (COG); 24 Apr (3), JP (PRC); 24 Apr, Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF); 24 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 25 Apr, IBSP (EWW); 24 Apr, Busey Wds (EJC). **MC**: 19, JP, 9 May (PRC et al.); 12, Clinton Co, 9 May (KAM); 9 (banded), Adams Sanctuary, 27 Apr & 7 May (VMK); 8, Lake Forest (Lake Co), 29 Apr (EWW); 8, e. Kankakee Co, 9 May (JBH). **LD**: **10 Jun** (male), JP (PRC) – **record June late date** by one day; 18 May, Busey Wds (EJC); 17 May (7), LeVasseur P (JBH); 15 May, Porter Btms (Pulaski Co) (MML); 10 May (6), Carl.C (DMK, MSS).

### Louisiana Waterthrush

**EA**: **15 Mar**, Ft Massac (DMK:ph, KAM, MSS) – **ties previous early arrival date**; 2 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 4 Apr, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co) (JSA); 5 Apr, Pelican Pouch (Clinton Co) (DMK, MSS); 11 Apr, Glenview (Cook Co) (CKL, JWL). **MC**: 13, Larue-Pine Hills, 11 Apr (KAM); 11, Pomona, 8 Apr (KAM); 11, Hogan's Btms (Union Co), 17 Apr (MML); 3, Jubilee College SP (Peoria Co), 3 May (JBH); 2, Ryerson CA (Lake Co), 23 Apr (EWW); 2, Heron Pond NPsv, 30 May (DMK, MSS). **LD**: 15 May, IBSP (EWW); 13 May, McClaughry Springs (Cook Co) (BT:ph);10 May, Ryerson CA (Lake Co) (EWW); 7 May, Montrose H (DKA); 23 Apr (banded), Adams Sanctuary (VMK) - unexpected at this site (VMK).

### Kentucky Warbler

**EA**: 18 Apr (2), Larue-Pine Hills (KAM); 24 Apr, Montrose H (ABB et al.); 24 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 25 Apr (2), n. of Lenzburg (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 27 Apr, L Arlington (Cook Co) (JCB); 29 Apr, LaBagh Wds FP, Chi (JWL); 2 May, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co) (JSA, DJA); 4 May, Busey Wds (EJC); 9 May, Meacham Grove FP, Bloomingdale (Du Page Co) (DL). **MC**: 17, Pomona, 25 Apr (KAM, MSS); 11, Larue-Pine Hills, 23 Apr (KAM, MSS); 10, Cache R SNA (Johnson Co), 25 Apr (MML); 4 (banded), Adams Sanctuary, 27 Apr (VMK) - unexpected at this site (VMK); 4, Carl.C, 2 May (DMK, MSS); 3, Sullivan Wds (Moultrie Co), 9 May (TAM). **Others**: 3 May (2), Jubilee College SP (Peoria Co) (JBH); 12 May, Kankakee R SP (JBH); 21 May (2), Siloam Springs (KAM, MSS); 30 May (2), Heron Pond NPsv (DMK, MSS).

### Connecticut Warbler

**EA**: 9 May, Busey Wds (EJC); 13 May, Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF); 15 May (ad. male - banded), Adams Sanctuary (VMK); 16-17 May, Carl.C (DMK:ph, KAM, MSS); 22 May, JP (KAM, MSS, TLK, APS). **MC**: 2, Montrose H, 21 May (RDH, KH, DBJ); 2 (male & female), JP, 23 May (CBA); 2, Lyons Wds, 25 May (EWW). **LD**: 7 Jun (male), JP (PRC); 3 Jun, NPond (GAW); **1 Jun**, Porter Btms (Pulaski Co) (MML); 27 May, Elsen's Hill, West Du Page Wds FP (Du Page Co) (DL); 17 May, Mackinaw Bluffs (MJW).

### Mourning Warbler

**EA**: **4 May**, Urb. (EJC); 9 May, Union Co (MML); 10 May, Sgmn Co (HDB); 14 May, Montrose H (DRD, TFK); 14 May, Linc.P (KH); 14 May (ad. male - banded) & 15 May (different ad. male - banded), Adams Sanctuary (VMK); 16 May (2), Carl.C (DMK, KAM, MSS). **MC**: **21**, Montrose H, 30 May (GAW) – **third highest IL count**; 5 (3 males, 2 females), JP, 30 May (PRC). **LD**: **29 Jun** (singing), Montrose H (KH) – **record IL late date** (previously 21 Jun 1996); 25 May & 7 Jun (2), Lyons Wds (EWW); 1 Jun (2 females), Sgmn Co (HDB); 27 May, PrRdg (CLH); 23 May, Salt Crk Wds (KAM, MSS, TLK).

### Common Yellowthroat

**EA**: 17 Apr, Hogan's Btms (Union Co) (MML); 24 Apr, Montrose H (RDH); 24 Apr, Busey Wds (EJC); 24 Apr, Sgmn Co (RDH); 25 Apr, JP (CBA); 25 Apr (3), n. of Lenzburg (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 26 Apr, Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 27 Apr (3), Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co) (JSA). **MC**: 35, LCal, 9 May (WJM, SBB, MLB); 35, Edgar Co, 9 May (CAT, TLK); 25, Oakwood Btms (Jackson Co), 25 Apr (KAM, MSS); 25, Union Co, 9 May (MML); 23, Montrose H, 28 May (GAW); 21, Mackinaw Bluffs, 9 May (MEF); 20, e. Kankakee Co, 9 May (JBH). **LD**: 3 Jun (4), NPond (GAW).

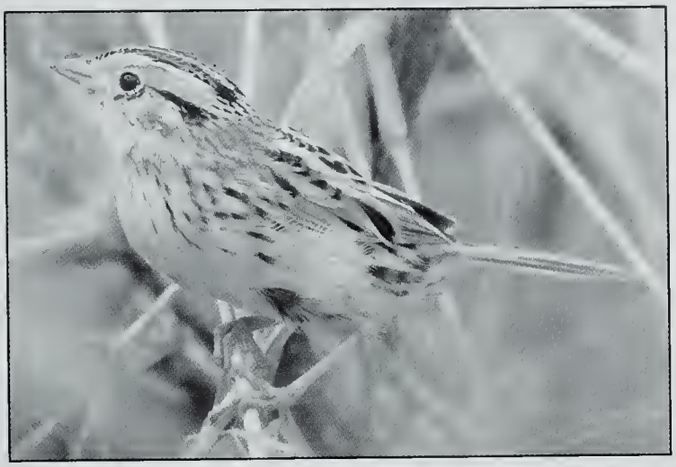
### Hooded Warbler

**EA**: 18 Apr, Ft Massac (KAM); 24 Apr, Busey Wds (EJC); 25 Apr, Chauncey M (Lawrence Co) (CLH); 26 Apr, JP (SAD); 27 Apr (male - banded), Adams

Sanctuary (VMK); 29 Apr, Northwestern U, Evanston (Cook Co) (JWL); 9 May (female), Wauk. (EWW). **MC**: 4, Union Co, 23 Apr (KAM, MSS); 2 (male & female - banded), Adams Sanctuary, 1 May (VMK). **LD**: 7 Jun (male), Lyons Wds (EWW) – **record late date** by two days; 29 May, Sgmn Co (HDB); 10 May, Montrose H (WR); 2 May, JP (*fide* KMC). **Others**: 2 May, HL (FRH); 3 May, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 6 May, Sgmn Co (HDB); 7 May, Stephen A. Forbes SP (Marion Co) (CLH); 9 May, Deer Grove West FP, Barrington (Cook Co) (GAW); 13 May (male), 1BSP (EWW); 20 & 26 May (male), Ryerson CA (Lake Co) (EWW).

### Wilson's Warbler

**EA**: 2 May, Sangamon R FP (Champaign Co) (EJC); 7 May, Sgmn Co (HDB); 9 May, multiple locations (Cook Co) (GAW, AAA); 9 May (2), JP (CBA, PRC); 9 May (2), e. Kankakee Co (JBH); 9 May, Carl.C (DMK, KAM); 9 May, Union Co (MML); 15 May, Anna R. Page CF, Rockfd (DTW, BCW). **MC**: 29, Montrose H, 30 May (GAW); 11, LeVasseur P, 17 May (JBH); 8, Carl.C, 17 May (DMK, KAM, MSS); 4, Lake Forest (Lake Co), 20 May (EWW); 3 (banded), Adams Sanctuary, 19 May (VMK). **LD**: 13 Jun, Chi (CLW); 10 Jun (male), JP (PRC); 6 Jun, Lowden-Miller SF (Ogle Co) (DTW); 4 Jun (male), Sgmn Co (HDB); 31 May, Busey Wds (EJC); 31 May (4), LeVasseur P (JBH); 19 May, Carl.C (DMK).



*LeConte's Sparrow. University of Illinois South Farms, Champaign County. 22 March 2009. Photo by Ivan Petrov.*

### Canada Warbler

**EA**: 8 May, Sgmn Co (HDB); 9 May, Union Co (MML); 13 May, NPond (GAW); 14 May, Urb. (EJC); 15 May, JP (KMC); 16 May (2), Carl.C (DMK, KAM, MSS); 17 May, Rockfd (DTW, BCW); 17 May (3), LeVasseur P (JBH). **MC**: 42, NPond, 30 May (SJH) – **record IL high count** (previous maxima to 26 birds); 7, Sterling (Whiteside Co), 18 May (EWW); 4, Carl.C, 17 May (DMK, KAM, MSS); 4, JP, 30 May (PRC); 3 (banded), Adams Sanctuary, 14 May (VMK). **LD**: 13 Jun, Montrose H (RDH); 7 Jun, Lyons Wds (EWW); 6 Jun (female), Sgmn Co (HDB); 4 Jun, Ewing P, Bloomington (McLean Co) (MJW); 31 May, Edwards Co (RES); 27 May (female), Kankakee (JBH); 26 May, Buttonland Swamp (Pulaski Co) (MML).

### Yellow-breasted Chat

**EA**: 23 Apr, Jackson Co (KAM, MSS); 25 Apr (banded), Adams Sanctuary (VMK); 26 Apr, JP (BWH); 2 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 2 May, Sangamon R FP (Champaign Co) (EJC); 8 May, Plum Crk FP (Cook Co) (JWL). **MC**: 18, Union Co, 9 May (MML); 12, Cache R SNA (Johnson Co), 25 Apr (MML); 8, Clinton Co, 9 May (KAM); 6, Fall Creek (Adams Co), 9 May (AGD). **LD**: 14 May, Montrose H (JRG); 9 May, JP (PKD).

### Spotted Towhee

**LD**: late Jan-1 Mar (ad. male), Ogle Co (J&DF, EBC;ph, DTW, BAH, m.ob.).

### Eastern Towhee

**EA**: 27 Feb (locally overwintered?), Iroquois Co CA (JBH); 7 Mar, Carl.C (DMK); 12 Mar, Urb. (EJC); 12 Mar, Sgmn Co (HDB); 21 Mar, Linc.P (DKA); 26 Mar, Fall Creek (Adams Co) (AGD); 4 Apr, Shabbona L SP (De Kalb Co) (DJS). **MC**: 32, Siloam Springs, 9 May (AGD); 30, Carl.C, 9-10 Apr (DMK, MSS); 25, Cache R SNA (Johnson Co), 25 Apr (MML); 16, Edgar Co, 9 May (CAT, TLK); 15, Mazonia SFWA, 20 Apr (JBH); 15, Montrose H, 30 Apr (DKA); 4, Zion (Lake Co), 28 Apr (EWW). **LD**: 27 May (female), JP (KMC).

### American Tree Sparrow

**EA**: 18 Feb, NPond (GAW). **MC**: 33, Spring Bluff FP (Lake Co), 7 Apr (EWW); 21, Linc.P, 14 Mar (GAW); 18, Whalon L (Will Co), 4 Apr (CAT, TLK); 17, Fermilab, 12 Mar (CAT). **LD**: 1 May, Wauk. (MJB); 26 Apr, JP (GD); 22 Apr, NPond (GAW); 12 Apr (8), Harvey Crk (De Kalb Co) (DJS); 11 Apr, Kankakee Co (JBH); 9 Apr (15), w. of Victoria (MJB); 22 Mar, El Paso (McLean Co) (MJW); 15 Mar, HL (FRH); 14 Mar, Carl.C (DMK, MSS).

### Chipping Sparrow

**EA**: 15 Mar, Meadowbrook P, Urb. (BGS); 15 Mar (5), Mermet L (KAM); 25 Mar, NPond (JHP); 26 Mar, New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 27 Mar, La Grange (Cook Co) (CAT); 27 Mar (4), LeVasseur P (JBH); 27 Mar, Sgmn Co (HDB); 8 Apr (3), Boone Co (AEB). **MC**: 44, Jackson Co, 23 Apr (KAM, MSS); 42, Mazonia SFWA, 26 Apr (JBH); 35, Edgar Co, 9 May (CAT, TLK); 30, Carl. C, 12 Apr (DMK, MSS); 29, McDonough Co, 9 May (LLH); 14, Winthrop H, 21 Apr (EWW); 13, Linc.P, 3 May (GAW).

### Clay-colored Sparrow

**EA**: 6 Apr, Wauk. (JWL) – **record early** if true migrant; 22 Apr, Whalon L (Will Co) (TKz); 24 Apr, Montrose H (CBT); 25 Apr (2), Wauk. (EWW); 27 Apr, LeVasseur P (JBH); 27 Apr (2), Rock Island Trail (Peoria Co) (MHB); 28 Apr-2 May, LCal (MLB, WJM); 2 May, Sugar R FP (Wbgo Co) (MJB, APS); 3 May, Busey Wds (*fide* EJC); 4 May, Richardson WF (Lee Co) (MJB); 9 May, n. of Siloam Springs (AGD). **MC**: 5, Wauk., 7 May (EWW); 4, Montrose H, 7 May (GAW); 3, Rockton (Wbgo Co), 9 May (DTW). **LD**: 16 May (2), JP (PRC); 16 May (2), Montrose H (RC); 15 May, Wauk. (EWW); 14 May, Ryerson CA (Lake Co) (EWW); 11 May, Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 10 May, Urb. (GSL). **Others**: 9 May (2), JP (PRC, BWH); 22 May, Aurora West FP (Du Page Co) (KAM, MSS, APS, TLK).

### Field Sparrow

**EA**: 6 Mar, Rock Cut (DTW); 14 Mar, LeVasseur P (JBH); 14 Mar, U of IL swine research ponds, Urb. (DTW); 15 Mar, Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF); 24 Mar, Montrose H (RDH). **MC**: 30, Carl.C, 11 Apr (DMK, MSS); 28, Mazonia SFWA, 20 Apr (JBH); 27, Edgar Co, 9 May (CAT, TLK); 23, Mackinaw Bluffs, 9 May (MEF); 20, Cache R SNA (Johnson Co), 25 Apr (MML); 13, JP, 19 Apr (PRC). **LD**: 23 May (2), Montrose H (GAW); 20 May, JP (PRC, SF).

### Vesper Sparrow

**EA**: 24 Feb, 18 Btms (Franklin Co) (LS); 27 Feb, e. Kankakee Co (JBH) – **record early arrival dates** (previously 3 Mar 1994); 14 Mar, Hugo Rd (Clinton Co) (DMK, MSS); 21 Mar, Sgmn Co (HDB); 22 Mar, Shadow L (Henry Co) (EWW); 24 Mar, Meadowbrook P, Urb. (*fide* EJC); 31 Mar, Beaubien Wds FP, LCal (WJM); 2 Apr, Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF); 4 Apr, Winnebago (Wbgo Co) (DTW, BCW); 4 Apr, Montrose H (CLW). **MC**: 10, Ford Co, 13 Apr (MJB); 10, McLean Co, 13 Apr (MJB); 7, Carl.C, 5 Apr (DMK, MSS). **LD**: 2 May, Montrose H (PKD); 25 Apr (2), near Ware (Union Co) (KAM, MSS); 21 Apr, 1BSP (EWW); 19 Apr, JP (PRC); 11 Apr (3), Carl.C (DMK, MSS).

### Lark Sparrow

**EA**: 26 Mar (4), South Btms (Adams Co) (AGD) – **record early arrival** by one day; 5 Apr, Urb. (JAS); 10 Apr, Rock Island Co (MJB) – **ties previous early date for n. IL**; 18 Apr, Mackinaw Bluffs (MJW); 19 Apr, Edwards Co (CAT, TLK); 21 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 22 Apr, White Co (CLH, RES); 25-29 Apr & 1 May (2), Montrose H (RDH, MJH et al.); 25 Apr, JP (PRC); 27 Apr, Zion (Lake Co) (EWW); 9 May (2), Sugar R Alder FP (Wbgo Co) (DTW). **MC**: 5, Pembroke Twp, 26 May (JBH); 4, Montrose H, 30 Apr (KAB); 4, Sand Ridge SF (Mason Co), 21 May (KAM, MSS). **LD**: 29 Apr-10 May, Urb. (GSL); 4 May, Montrose H (DRD). **Others**: 25 Apr, Union Co (CAT); 2 May, Edgar Co (CAT, TLK); 9 May, Richland Co (CLH); 14 May, Effingham Co (CLH); 16 May, se. Massac Co (VMK, CLH et al.); 17 May, Sandy Crk (Marshall Co) (EWW); 21 May, Sparland (Marshall Co) (KAM, MSS); 30 May (2), Dogtooth Island (Alexander Co) (DMK, MSS).

### Savannah Sparrow

**EA**: 9 Mar (2), Sgmn Co (HDB); 21 Mar, Urb. (GSL); 21 Mar (4), Pembroke Twp (JBH); 22 Mar (2), Montrose H (GAW); 26 Mar (18), South Btms (Adams Co) (AGD); 9 Apr (3), Rollins Sav (EWW). **MC**: 60, Carl.C, 28 Mar & 9 Apr (DMK, MSS); 35, JP, 9 May (PRC et al.); 33, Tinley Crk Wetland (Cook Co), 5 May (WJM); 16, Pembroke Twp, 14 May (JBH). **LD**: 30 May (3), Montrose H (GAW); 17 May (2), Carl.C (DMK, KAM, MSS); 9 May, HL (FRH).

### Grasshopper Sparrow

**EA**: 18 Apr, Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 18 Apr (2), Union Co (MML); 18 Apr, Bellrose Rsv (KAM); 22 Apr, Montrose H (RDH). **MC**: 11, Pembroke Twp, 26 May (JBH); 8, Clinton Co, 9 May (KAM); 6, Cypress Crk NWR (Pulaski Co), 30 May (JKD, DMK, KAM, MSS); 5, Meredosia NWR (Morgan Co), 21 May (KAM, MSS); 3, Midewin Pr, 7 May (DRD); 3, Edgar Co, 2 May (CAT, TLK); 2, Montrose H, 26 Apr (RDH, JWL). **LD**: 13 May, Montrose H (MMC); 9 May (2), JP (BWH, FM).

### Henslow's Sparrow

**EA**: 26 Mar, PrRdg (Marion Co) (CLH, RES); 31 Mar (4), Grassy Slough Psv (Johnson Co) (KAM); 24-25 Apr, Linc.P (RDH, ABB); 8 May, Plum Crk FP (Cook Co) (JWL). **MC**: 18, Iroquois Co CA, 29 May (GAW); 9, Pembroke Twp, 26 May (JBH); 6, Johnson Co, 18 Apr (KAM); 4, Anna R. Page CF, Rockfd, 8 May (DTW); 3, Goose L Pr SNA (Grundy Co), 21 May (KAM, MSS). **LD**: 25 May, JP (PRC); 29 Apr, Montrose H (MJH). **Others:** 9 May (2), Bakers L, Barrington (Cook Co) (GAW).

### Le Conte's Sparrow

**EA**: 14 Mar, Sgmn Co (HDB); 19 & 24 Mar (2), PrRdg (Marion Co) (CLH); 24-25 Apr, Linc.P (COG, ABB); 25 Apr, Air Station Pr, Glenview (Cook Co) (JWL). **MC**: 3, Mackinaw Bluffs, 24 Apr (MEF). **LD**: 28 Apr, South Btms (Adams Co) (AGD); 24 Apr, w. of Victoria (MJB); 21 Apr, n. of Lenzburg (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 18 Apr, Karl Bartel LWR (Marion Co) (CLH, IOS); winter-22-26 Mar, U of IL swine research ponds, Urb. (GSL:ph,IP:ph, m.ob.). **Others**: 25 Mar (2), PrRdg (CLH).

### Nelson's Sparrow

**EA**: 13 & 15 May, Linc.P (IS, JWL); 23 May, Rollins Sav (MSS, KAM, TLK, CAT). **LD**: 30 May, JP (KMC).

### Fox Sparrow

**EA**: 24 Feb, Kankakee Co (JBH); 6 Mar, Montrose H (GAW); 9 Mar, Busey Wds (EJC); 10 Mar (2), Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF); 21 Mar, Green R CA (Lee Co) (DTW). **MC**: 29, LCal, 26 Mar (WJM); 25, Mackinaw Bluffs, 18 Mar (MEF); 18, Linc.P, 22 Mar (GAW); 16, LeVasseur P, 27 Mar (JBH); 16, n. of Spoon L (Knox Co), 30 Mar (MJB); 10, Carl.C, 14 Mar (DMK, MSS). **LD**: 2 May, Montrose H (DKA); 23 Apr (male). JP (PRC); 18 Apr (3), Zion (Lake Co) (EWW); 14 Apr, Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 14 Apr (2), Kankakee (JBH); 11 Apr, Union Co (KAM); 11 Apr, Piatt Co (CAT, TLK); 29 Mar (4), Carl.C (DMK, MSS).

*Golden-crowned Sparrow. Stephenson County. 20 April 2009. Photo by Demetri Lafkis*

### Song Sparrow

**EA**: 6 Mar (5), Montrose H (GAW). **MC**: 100, U of IL swine research ponds, Urb., 15 Mar (DTW); 90, Linc.P, 22 Mar (GAW); 58, LCal, 9 May (WJM, SBB, MLB); 30, Carl. C, 9 Apr (DMK, MSS).

### Lincoln's Sparrow

**EA**: 19 Apr, near Ware (Union Co) (KAM); 24 Apr, JP (BAS, SF); 24 Apr, Busey Wds (EJC); 25 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 26 Apr, IBSP (EWW); 26 Apr (2), Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 5 May, Lincoln (Logan Co) (EWW); 6 May, Rockfd (DTW); 9 May, L Shelbyville (Moultrie Co) (TAM); 9 May, Carl.C (DMK). **MC**: 5, Linc.P, 29 Apr & multiple dates in May (GAW, RDH et al.); 5, JP, 13 May (PRC); 3, LeVasseur P, 2 & 17 May (JBH). **LD**: **8 Jun**, Montrose H (RDH); 30 May, JP (PRC); 26 May, Pembroke Twp (JBH); 24 May, Eggers Wds FP, LCal (WJM); 22 May, Montrose H (KAM, TFK); 18 May, Sterling (Whiteside Co) (EWW); 9 May (2), Union Co (MML).

*Dark-eyed Junco. Winnetka, Cook County. 30 May 2009. Photo by Susan Morgan.*

### Swamp Sparrow

**EA**: 16 Mar (2). Montrose H (GAW). **MC**: **200**, Lee Co, 4 May (MJB); 80, IBSP, 28 Apr (EWW); 75, Montrose H, 26 Apr (RDH); 60, Carl.C, 4 & 9 Apr (DMK, MSS); 25, Oakwood Btms (Jackson Co), 25 Apr (KAM, MSS). **LD**: 21 May (2), Montrose H (GAW); 17 May (2), JP (PRC); 9 May (2), Union Co (MML); 3 May (2), Carl.C (DMK, MSS).

### White-throated Sparrow

**EA**: 18 Apr (5), Boone Co (AEB); 19 Apr (34), JP (PRC). **MC**: 185, Kankakee, 24 Apr (JBH); 156, JP, 24 Apr (PRC); 155, Wauk., 25 Apr (EWW); 100, Porter Btms (Pulaski Co), 2 Mar (MML); 75, Starved Rock SP (La Salle Co), 26 Apr (DJS); 66, Ft Massac, 18 Apr (KAM); 40, Carl.C, multiple dates Mar-Apr (DMK, MSS); 38, Foley Pond (Lake Co), 27 Apr (DRD); 35 (banded), Adams Sanctuary, 25 Apr (VMK). **LD**: **10 Jun**, JP (KMC); 18 May, Champaign Co (EJC); 18 May, Sterling (Whiteside Co) (EWW); 17 May (2), LeVasseur P (JBH); 10 May (12), Carl.C (DMK, MSS). **Others** (wintered locally?): 14 Mar (2), Linc.P (GAW).

### Harris's Sparrow

**EA**: 12 & 18 Mar (at feeder). Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH). **LD**: 10-11 May, Horner P, Chi (JSa, LC, KKM); 9 May (ad. in alternate plumage), Sgmn Co (HDB); 10 Apr (at feeder), Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH): winter-5 Apr, U of IL swine research ponds, Urb. (GSL:ph, m.ob.).

### White-crowned Sparrow

**EA**: 9 Mar, Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 15 Mar (16), Mermet L (KAM); 24 Apr (2), JP (PRC). **MC**: 350, Jarvis Migratory Bird Sanctuary, Linc.P, 6 May (CBT); 30, U of IL swine research ponds, Urb., 14 Mar (MML); 30, Peabody SFWA, 7 May (TJD); 28, e. Kankakee Co, 9 May (JBH); 22, Edgar Co, 2 May (CAT, TLK); 20, Spring Bluff FP (Lake Co), 9 May (EWW). **LD**: 9 Jun, Hyde Park, Chi (JSR); 30 May, Montrose H (GAW); 20 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 20 May, River Forest (Cook Co) (JSA); 19 May, Winthrop H (EWW); 16 May, Carl.C (DMK, KAM, MSS); 15 May (8), Two Rivers NWR (Calhoun Co) (DJS).

### GOLDEN-CROWNED SPARROW

**EA**: 16-23 Apr, Scioto Mills (Stephenson Co) (AS, DPs:ph, SMl:ph, GN:ph, DL:ph. CJW:ph, EES:ph, JAS, m.ob.).

### Dark-eyed Junco

**MC**: **200**, Carl.C, 29 Mar (DMK, MSS) – **record spring high count for s. half of IL**; 73, Linc.P, 22 Mar (GAW); 72, Kankakee Co, 7 Apr (JBH); 45, Geneseo (Henry Co), 4 Apr (EWW); 35, LCal, 9 Apr (WJM). **LD**: **30 May-9 Jun** (at feeder), Winnetka (Cook Co) (SM:ph, WSG) – **ties old (1881 specimen) record late date**; 3 May, JP (PRC); 26 Apr, Utica (La Salle Co) (DJS); 20 Apr (2), Scioto Mills (Stephenson Co) (KAM, MSS); 13 Apr (4), Hogan's Btms (Union Co) (MML); 13 Apr (2), Carl.C (DMK, MSS).

### Lapland Longspur

**EA**: 6 Mar, Chi (GAW); 14 Mar (2), Linc.P (GAW). **MC**: 1500, n. of Thomson (Carroll Co), 10 Apr (MJB); 1000+, w. of Rockton (Wbgo Co), 29 Mar (DTW); 350+, Scioto Mills (Stephenson Co), 20 Apr (KAM, MSS); 300, e. Kankakee Co, 6 Apr (JBH); 60, Carl. C, 2 & 7 Mar (DMK). **LD**: 27 Apr (30), Mundelein (Lake Co) (WFS); 15 Mar (20), E Cape Girardeau (KAM); 14 Mar (12), Carl. C (DMK, MSS); 11 Mar (25), McDonough Co (LLH).

### Smith's Longspur

**EA**: 21 Mar (32), Pembroke Twp (JBH); 21 Mar (23), Richland Co (RES); 22 Mar (3), Kankakee Co (JBH, MJB et al.); 25 Mar (2), Jasper Co (RES); 15 Apr (20), sw. Champaign Co (MML). **MC**: 60, Sgmn Co, 29 Mar (HDB); 32, Pembroke Twp, as above; 30+, PrRdg, 5 Apr (CLH). **LD**: 30 Apr (20), Curtis Rd (Champaign Co) (GSL, JWL); 27 Apr, **Montrose H** (RDH); 25 Apr (14), Pembroke Twp (JBH); 18 Apr (2), PrRdg (CLH, IOS). **Others**: 29 Mar (12), Onion Hill (Richland Co) (CLH); 15 Apr (16), n. of Victoria (MJB).

### Snow Bunting

**LD**: **1 May**, Bartel Grassland (Cook Co) (MLR) – second latest IL departure date; 29 Mar (30), w. of Rockton (Wbgo Co) (DTW); 6 Mar (2), Montrose H (ABB).

### Summer Tanager

**EA**: 18 Apr (2), Union Co (KAM); 18 Apr, Cache R SNA (Johnson Co) (MML); 24 Apr, Busey Wds (EJC); 24 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 26 Apr (female), Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 26 Apr (3), n. of Coulterville (Washington Co) (TJD); 2 May, Linc.P (JHP); 4 May (1st spring male). JP (PJP, KMC); 5 May, Spoon L (Knox Co) (MJB); 9-18 May (male), Ryerson CA (Lake Co) (DRD, JWL); 15 May (male), Anna R. Page CF, Rockfd (DTW, BCW). **MC**: 9, Larue-Pine Hills, 23 Apr (KAM); 8, s. Clinton Co, 7 May (KAM). **LD**: 17 May, Linc.P (RD). **Others**: 1 May (1st year male - banded), Adams Sanctuary (VMK); 24 May, Waterfall Glen FP (Du Page Co) (KAM, MSS); 26 May, Bemis Wds FP (Cook Co) (CAT).

### Scarlet Tanager

**EA**: 18 Apr (2), Heron Pond NPsv (KAM); 24 Apr, NPond (RC); 27 Apr, Busey Wds (EJC); 30 Apr (2 males), Kankakee (JBH); 2 May (2), Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 3 May, Rockfd (DTW). **MC**: 11, Deer Grove West FP, Barrington (Cook Co), 9 May (GAW); 7, s. Clinton Co, 7 May (KAM); 7, e. Kankakee Co, 9 May (JBH); 5, Moultrie Co, 9 May (TAM); Linc.P, 13 & 14 May (GAW); 5, Lyons Wds, 25 May (EWW). **LD**: 27 May, Montrose H (RDH).

### WESTERN TANAGER

**[EA**: 1 May, Cook Co].

### Northern Cardinal

**MC**: 90 (banded), Adams Sanctuary, 24 Mar-29 May (VMK); 40, Clinton Co, 9 May (KAM); 34, Cook Co, 9 May (GAW); 33, Edgar Co, 9 May (CAT, TLK); 32, Kankakee Co, 8 Apr (JBH).

### Rose-breasted Grosbeak

**EA**: **13 Apr** (female), Lake Forest (Lake Co) (ML) – **record early for n. IL by 6 days**; **13 Apr**, Busey Wds (EJC) – **ties record early date for c. IL** from 2008; 23 Apr (female), JP (KDA); 24 Apr (3), Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF); 24 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 25 Apr (3), Pomona (KAM, MSS); 25 Apr, Union Co (GAW, CAT, DFS, DTW); 26 Apr, Wauk. (EWW); 26 Apr, Carl.C (DMK); 27 Apr (2 males), Boone Co (AEB). **MC**: 26, Mackinaw Bluffs, 9 May (MEF); 20, Carl.C, 2 May (DMK, MSS); 18, Edgar Co, 9 May (CAT, TLK); 17 (12 males, 5 females), Kankakee, 30 Apr (JBH); 12, Montrose H, 30 Apr (DKA); 7, Lyons Wds, 13 May (EWW). **LD**: 3 Jun, NPond (GAW); 24 May (female), JP (PRC).

### BLACK-HEADED GROSBEAK

**[LD**: 23 May, Wbgo Co].

### Blue Grosbeak

**EA**: 18 Apr, Hogan's Btms (Union Co) (MML): 18 Apr, Ft Massac (KAM); 24 Apr, Busey Wds (TK); 25 Apr (2), Peabody SFWA (TJD); 26 Apr (3), Sgmn Co (HDB); 26 Apr, Richland Co (CLH); 30 Apr (male - roadkill), n. of Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH); 7 May, Pembroke Twp (JBH); 8 May, n. of Spoon L (Knox Co) (MJB); 11 May (imm. male), Montrose H (RDH, GAW:ph, KH: ph). **MC**: 12, Union Co, 9 May (VMK); 12, Levee Rd (Monroe Co), 25 May (DMK, MSS); 4, Sgmn Co, 27 Apr (HDB). **Others**: 9 May (3), Edgar Co (CAT, TLK); 21 May, Meredosia NWR (Morgan Co) (KAM, MSS); 21 May, Chau. (KAM, MSS); 23 May, Salt Crk Wds (KAM, MSS, TLK); 26 May, Bemis Wds FP (Cook Co) (CAT); 26 May (2), Midewin Pr (JWL); 30 May (pair), Salt Crk Wds (JSA).

### Indigo Bunting

**EA**: 18 Apr (2), Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 19 Apr, Bellrose Rsv (KAM); 23 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 24 Apr, Montrose H (CBT); 24 Apr (2), Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF); 25 Apr, Busey Wds (*fide* EJC); 27 Apr (6), LeVasseur P (JBH); 3 May (7), Rockfd (DTW). **MC**: 131, Union Co, 9 May (VMK); 97, Clinton Co, 9 May (KAM); 34, Mackinaw Bluffs, 9 May (MEF); 20, NPond, 23 May (SJH); 18, e. Kankakee Co, 9 May (JBH); 15 (banded), Adams Sanctuary, 27 Apr (VMK).

### Dickcissel

**EA**: 23 Apr, Oakwood Btms (Jackson Co) (KAM, MSS); 25 Apr, Lively Grove (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 26 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 3 May, Jubilee College SP (Peoria Co) (JBH); 9 May (20), McDonough Co, 9 May (LLH); 9 May, Moultrie Co (TAM); 24 May (2), Shirland (Wbgo Co) (DTW); 15 May (Alton Co), MKR:ph; 27 May, Montrose H (RDH); 7 Jun, Wauk. (EWW). **MC**: **149**, American Btms, 9 May (CC&PPD); **139**, Union Co, 9 May (VMK); 25, Edgar Co, 9 May (CAT, TLK). **LD**: **24 Jun**, Montrose H (RDH); 31 May, Huntley (McHenry Co) (RAM). **Others** (late spring migrants or early fall migrants?): **3 & 15 Jul**, Montrose H (RDH).

*Dickcissel. Alton, Illinois. 15 May 2009. Photo by Mary Kay Rubey.*

### Bobolink

**EA**: 29 Apr, Urb. (MML); 29 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 1 May (2), Pembroke Twp (JBH); 5 May, Lincoln (Logan Co) (EWW); 6 May, Montrose H (RDH); 7 May, Wauk. (EWW); 7 May (7), Galesburg (Knox Co) (PJR); 8 May (6), Windsor (Shelby Co) (TAM); 9 May (5), Clinton Co (KAM). **MC**: 35, Carl. C, 9 May (DMK); 35, Rollins Sav, 25 May (EWW); 13 (males), McDonough Co, 9 May (LLH); 10, Wauk., 8 May (EWW); 10, Wbgo Co, 17 May (DTW, BCW); 7, Edgar Co, 9 May (CAT, TLK); 4, Montrose H, 13 May (MMC). **LD**: **12 Jun**, Montrose H (RDH); 25 May (2), Huntley (McHenry Co) (RAM); 17 May, JP (CBA).

### Red-winged Blackbird

**EA**: 2 Feb (10+), O'Fallon (St. Clair Co) (KAM); 10 Feb, Urb. (EJC); 15 Feb (38), n. of Ellisville (Fulton Co) (LLH); 18 Feb, NPond (GAW). **MC**: 12,000, Carl.C, 7 Mar (DMK); 4000, Mazonia SFWA, 9 Mar (JBH); 1372, American Btms, 9 May (CC&PPD); 523, Bureau Co, 28 Mar (CAT, TLK); 310, Linc.P, 22 Mar (GAW).

### Eastern Meadowlark

**EA**: 13 Feb (2), Middle Fork R FP (Champaign Co) (EJC); 14 Feb (8), Hunter (Edgar Co) (EWW); 27 Feb (2), e. Kankakee Co (JBH); 4 Mar (2), Boone Co (AEB); 13 Mar, Montrose H (GAW). **MC**: 49, Edgar Co, 9 May (CAT, TLK); 40, Carl.C, 9 Apr (DMK, MSS); 40, PrRdg, 10 Apr (KAM); 34, McDonough Co, 9 May (LLH); 12, e. Kankakee Co, 9 May (JBH); 6, Montrose H, 24 Mar (GAW). **LD**: 21 May, Montrose H (GAW); 2 May, JP (RJL).

### Western Meadowlark

**EA**: 5 Mar, E Cape Girardeau (KAM); 7 Mar, Sandridge Rd (Clinton Co) (DMK); 15 Mar, Rochelle (Ogle Co) (EWW). **MC**: 3, Santa Fe Btms, 14 Mar (DMK, MSS); 3, Modena (Stark Co), 21 Mar (EWW). **LD**: 21 Mar (2), Carl. C (DMK, MSS); 15 Mar, Ditch Rd, E Cape Girardeau (DMK, KAM, MSS). **Others**: 21 Mar, ne. Henry Co (DTW); 17 Apr, Fayette Co (CAT, TLK); 1 May, Momence sod farms (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 9 May, H&E Sod Nursery, Momence (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 18 May, Champaign Co (EJC).

### Yellow-headed Blackbird

**EA**: 17 Apr (male), Eggers Wds FP, LCal (WJM); 6-9 May, w. of Victoria (DJM, MJB); 16 May, Hebron (McHenry Co) (DTW). **MC**: 8, Spring L (Carroll Co), 23 May (DTW); 3, Hennepin L, 21 May (KAM, MSS); 2, Rollins Sav, 30 May (DRD). **LD**: **26-27 May**, NPond (CT, RMT); 16 May, Whalon L (Will Co) (JAS); 9 May, n. of Victoria (MJB).

### Rusty Blackbird

**EA**: 13 Feb (21), Middle Fork R FP (Champaign Co) (EJC); 6 Mar, Montrose H (GAW); 14 Mar, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co) (JSA). **MC**: **400**, Grundy Co, 10 Apr (DJS); 280, Greene Twp (Woodford Co), 7 Mar (MJW); 270, Sannauk FP (De Kalb Co), 10 Apr (DJS); 200, Bureau Co, 7 Apr (MJB); 150, Rockton (Wbgo Co), 11 Apr (DTW, LGB); 60, Carl.C, 7 & 14 Mar (DMK, MSS); 50+, Oakwood Btms (Jackson Co), 9 Mar (KAM); 2, Linc.P, 18 Apr (GAW). **LD**: 26 Apr (pair), Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 24 Apr, Montrose H (RDH); 19 Apr (female), se. of Naples (Scott Co) (LLH); 5-11 Apr (20), Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 11 Apr, HL (FRH); 10 Apr, Mermet L (KAM).

### Brewer's Blackbird

**EA**: 10 Mar (3 males), Sgmn Co (HDB); 13 Mar (5), Grundy Co (CAT, TLK); 17 Mar, nw. of New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 21 Mar (3), ne. Henry Co (DTW); 26 Apr (3), IBSP (EWW). **MC**: 400, Carl.C, 21 Mar & 12 Apr (DMK, MSS); **400**, Kinmundy (Marion Co), 22 Mar (DMK, MSS) – **record IL high count away from Carlyle Lake vicinity**; **170+**, Boone Co, 28 Mar (AEB) – **record IL high count outside s. IL**; 50+, Pulaski Co, 5 Mar (KAM); 45, Peabody SFWA, 10 Apr (TJD); 40+, PrRdg, 30 Mar (CLH). **LD**: 13 Apr (110), Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 11 Apr (4), Rockton (Wbgo Co) (DTW, LGB). **Others**: 29-30 May (3 - 2 males), Hampshire (Kane Co) (EWW).

### Common Grackle

**EA**: 24 Feb (2), Kankakee Co (JBH); 25 Feb, Fulton Co (LLH); 2 Mar, Busey Wds (EJC); 5 Mar, Montrose H (GAW). **MC**: 10,000, Carl.C, 7 Mar (DMK); 5000, Mazonia SFWA, 9 Mar (JBH); 346, Bureau Co, 28 Mar (CAT, TLK); 94, Montrose H, 16 Mar (GAW).

### Brown-headed Cowbird

**EA**: 7 Feb (25), Marietta (Fulton Co) (LLH); 25 Feb (12), Iroquois Co CA (JBH); 6 Mar (2), Montrose H (DKA); 15 Mar, Busey Wds (EJC). **MC**: 201, Montrose H, 4 Apr (GAW); 200, Carl.C, 7 Mar (DMK); 134, Bureau Co, 28 Mar (CAT, TLK).

### Orchard Oriole

**EA**: 18 Apr, Mermet L (KAM); 25 Apr, Rockfd (BCW); 25 Apr (1st spring male), Lockport Pr NPsv (Will Co) (CMA); 26 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 28 Apr (2), Cahokia Mounds SHS (St. Clair Co) (DMK, MSS); 3 May (imm. male), JP (JSM, PRC); 7 May, Wauk. (EWW). **MC**: 15, Miss. R blufflands (Monroe Co), 9 May (CC&PPD); 12, Union Co, 9 May (VMK); 7, LeVasseur P, 17 May (JBH); 5, Anna R. Page CF, Rockfd, 15 May (DTW, BCW); 5, Montrose H, 18 May (GAW); 4, Sandy Crk (Marshall Co), 17 May (EWW). **LD**: 3 Jun, Montrose H (RDH); 30 May (male), Wauk. (EWW); 26 May (imm. male), JP (SF).

### Baltimore Oriole

**EA**: 19 Apr, Carl.C (DMK, MSS, DTW); 19 Apr, near Ware (Union Co) (KAM); 24 Apr, Sgmn Co (HDB); 25 Apr, Champaign Co (RFB); 26 Apr, Montrose H (ABB); 26 Apr (2 males), Mazonia SFWA (JBH); 27 Apr (2), JP (SF); 28 Apr (3), Boone Co (AEB); 28 Apr (3), Fall Creek (Adams Co) (AGD). **MC**: 29, Mackinaw Bluffs, 9 May (MEF); 25, JP, 9 May (PRC et al.); 21, LCal, 9 May (WJM, SBB, MLB); 19, Miss. R blufflands (Monroe Co), 9 May (CC&PPD); 18, McDonough Co, 9 May (LLH).

### Purple Finch

**EA**: 10 Mar (2), Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF); 18 Mar (2), Montrose H (KH); 26 Mar, Lyons Wds (EWW). **MC**: 24, Starved Rock SP (La Salle Co), 21 Mar (EWW); 11, Sand Ridge SF (Mason Co), 7-9 Apr (SNB); 10, n. of Lenzburg (St. Clair Co), 14 Mar (TJD); 8, Carl.C, 29 Mar (DMK, MSS); 7, Porter Btms (Pulaski Co), 2 Mar (MML); 6 (1 male, 5 female), Boone Co, 23 Mar (AEB); 4, Montrose H, 20 Apr (RC). **LD**: 2 May, Montrose H (COS, DKA); 26 Apr (4), Spoon L (Knox Co) (MJB); 25 Apr, Kankakee (JBH); 24 Apr (2), Mackinaw Bluffs (MEF); 23 Apr, Ryerson CA (Lake Co) (EWW); 21-22 Apr (3 - 2 males, 1 female), Mundelein (Lake Co) (SDB); 20 Apr (4), Scioto Mills (Stephenson Co) (KAM, MSS); 13 Apr, Larue-Pine Hills (KAM); 13 Apr (4), Carl.C (KAM).

### House Finch

**MC**: 34, Kankakee Co, 3 Apr (JBH); 10, Bakers L, Barrington (Cook Co), 9 May (GAW); 4, Carl.C, multiple dates Mar-Apr (DMK, MSS).

### Red Crossbill

**MC**: 7, Big River SF (Henderson Co), 29 Mar (DJM, MJB). **Others**: 9 Mar (3), Lowden-Miller SF (Ogle Co) (MAM); 26 Mar (5), Big River SF (Henderson Co) (PJR, LM).

### White-winged Crossbill

**MC**: **45**, Rock Cut, 6 Mar (DTW); **35**, M.Arb., 3 Mar (FM); **30**, Swallow Cliff Wds FP, Palos, 5 & 15 Mar (WSS, SF); **30**, Richardson WF (Lee Co), 5 Mar (*fide* SDB); **26**, Lake Forest (Lake Co), 9 Mar (JSS); **22**, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe (Cook Co), 11 Mar (JDA); 18, Shabbona L SP (De Kalb Co), 8 Mar (MA); 16, Marytown (Lake Co), 26 Mar (SDB); 15, Mundelein & Libertyville (Lake Co), 21 Mar (SDB); 13, El Paso (Woodford Co), 1 Mar (MJW); 10, Princeton (Bureau Co), 1 Mar (MAM); 10 (5 males), McHenry Dam (McHenry Co), 1 Mar (EWW); 9, Batavia (Kane Co), 3 Mar (CLC); 7, Freeport (Stephenson Co), 15 Mar (DBJ); 5, Palatine (Cook Co), 4 Mar (CSF); 5, Beach Park (Lake Co), 5 Mar (EWW); 5, Lyons Wds, 5 Mar (EWW); 5, Spring Valley NC (Cook Co), 5 Mar (SAC); 5, Nippersink FP (Lake Co), 7 Mar (JSS); 5, Krape P (Stephenson Co), 12-13 Mar (APS, AFS, DTW); 5 (3 males), Geneseo (Henry Co), 22 Mar (EWW); 4, Greenwood Cemetery, Rockfd, 1 Mar (DTW, BCW); 4, Naperville (Du Page Co), 1 Mar (JLS); 4, Chi, 4 Mar (ABB); 4, Evanston (Cook Co), 5 Mar (FM); 4, Blackwell FP (Du Page Co), 5 Mar (LY); 4, Hampshire FP (Kane Co), 9 Mar (JWL); 4, Elmhurst Cemetery, Joliet (Will Co), 22 Mar (DFS); 3, Lowell Park (Lee Co), 6 Mar (PDO); 2, Brookfield (Cook Co), 5 Mar (CAT); 2, La Salle Co, 6 Mar (DFS); 2, Woodridge (Du Page Co), 10 Mar (JDC); 2, Riverwoods (Lake Co), 12 Mar (MS); 2, Warren (Jo Daviess Co), 15 Mar (DBJ). **LD**: **6 May** (3), Marytown (Lake Co) (SDB); 12 Apr (2), Mundelein (Lake Co) (SDB); 11 Apr (2), Lowden-Miller SF (Ogle Co) (KML); 1 Apr, Lyons Wds (EWW); 20 Mar (5 - 1 male, 4 females), Sgmn Co (HDB); 14 Mar (3), Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe (Cook Co) (MJH); 7 Mar (4), Richardson

WF (Lee Co) (MGA, DE); 2 Mar (2), Princeton (Bureau Co) (MAM). **Others**: 5 Mar (female), Zion (Lake Co) (EWW); 6 Mar (3), Sgmn Co (HDB); 10 Mar, Geneseo (Henry Co) (MJB). **Remarks**: **The largest irruption of White-winged Crossbills in IL history** occurred during winter 2008-2009, followed by record numbers of spring reports. Large numbers of wandering groups and individuals were reported throughout the n. third of the state, and several were recorded in c. IL as far south as Sangamon Co.

### Common Redpoll

**MC**: **100+**, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe (Cook Co), 1 Mar (DMK, KAM); **80**, Mundelein (Lake Co), 2 Mar (SLD); **68**, Glenview (Cook Co), 2 Mar (BJM) – **all record spring-season high counts** (previously 56 on 5 Mar 1996); **20**, Evergreen L (McLean Co), 5 Mar (MJB, KBR); 20, Johnson-Sauk Trail SP (Henry Co), 13 Mar (MJB); **15**, Woodlawn Cemetery, Urb., 8 Mar (GSL et al.); **12**, Clinton L (DeWitt Co), 5 Mar (MJB, KBR); 9, Warren (Jo Daviess Co), 15 Mar (DBJ); 6, Mt. Carroll (Carroll Co), 6 Mar (DBJ); 6, Rockfd, 12 Mar (K&CF); 5, Northbrook (Cook Co), 4 Mar (AR); 5, Merwyn NPsv (McLean Co), 5 Mar (MJB, KBR); 5, Allerton P (Piatt Co), 15 Mar (DTW). **LD**: 11 Apr, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe (Cook Co) (MJH); 22 Mar, Mundelein (Lake Co) (SDB); 21 Mar (2), Channahon (Will Co) (EWW); 20 Mar (4), McHenry Co (SI); 18 Mar (3), Woodlawn Cemetery, Urb. (SDB); 15 Mar, South Ottawa (La Salle Co) (EWW, CKM); 15 Mar (5), Mt. Carroll (Carroll Co) (DBJ); 14 Mar (3), Gurnee (Lake Co) (JSS). **Others**: 3 Mar (2), M.Arb (FM); 4 Mar, Linc.P (JWL); 4 Mar (2) & 6 Mar (4), Gurnee (Lake Co) (JSS); 5 Mar (2), Lake Forest (Lake Co) (KA); 12 Mar (2), U of IL, Urb. (BGS). In addition to high counts in n. IL, **all high counts from c. IL** exceed the previous spring-season maxima of 3 birds in that part of the state.

### HOARY REDPOLL

**LD**: 5 Mar, Merwyn NPsv (**McLean Co**) (MJB, KBR); 1-3 Mar, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe (Cook Co) (AFS, DMK, KAM, NAL:ph, JWL et al.). Both present since January.

### Pine Siskin

**EA**: 24 Mar (2), Boone Co (AEB). **MC**: 30, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe (Cook Co), 1 Mar (DMK, KAM); 29, Freeport (Stephenson Co), 13 Mar (DTW); 20 (at feeders), LCal, 11 May (MLB); 18, Geneseo (Henry Co), 22 Mar (EWW); 11, Pomona, 23 Apr (KAM, MSS); 11, Miss. R blufflands (Monroe Co), 2 May (CC&PPD); 7, Edgar Co, 9 May (CAT, TLK). **LD**: **4 Jun**, Montrose H (RDH); 31 May (5 - 2 ad., 3 juv.), Mundelein (Lake Co) (SLD); 24 May, Waterfall Glen FP (Du Page Co) (KAM, MSS, CAT); 22 May (juv.), Glenview (Cook Co) (REP); 18 May (2), Rockfd (DTW); 17 May, Hennepin Canal Parkway (Bureau Co) (EWW); 13 May, O' Fallon (St. Clair Co) (KAM); 12 May (juv.), Warrenville (Du Page Co) (MRB); 11 May (3), New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 9 May (juv.), Downers Grove (Du Page Co) (LBR); 9 May, n. of Spoon L (Knox Co) (MJB, DJM); 1 May, Somonauk (De Kalb Co) (DJS); 30 Apr (4), Kankakee (JBH); 29 Apr (3), Beall Wds SP (Wabash Co) (CLH); 26 Apr (2), Edwards Co (RES). **Others**: 7 Mar, Swallow Cliff Wds FP, Palos (GAW); 14 Mar (4), Carl.C (DMK, MSS); 15 Mar (2), Decatur (TAM); 16 Mar (4), Meadowbrook P, Urb. (MML); 18 Mar (7), Belvidere (Boone Co) (DTW); 4 Apr (pair collecting nest material), Rockfd (DTW); 11 Apr (4), Piatt Co (CAT, TLK); 25 Apr, Union Co (CAT, DTW, DFS).

### American Goldfinch

**EA**: 14 Mar, Linc.P (GAW). **MC**: 157, Miss. R blufflands (Monroe Co), 9 May (CC&PPD); 150, Pomona, 23 Apr (KAM, MSS); 81, LCal, 9 May (WJM, SBB, MLB); 54, LeVasseur P, 2 May (JBH); 19, Linc.P, 3 May (GAW).

### House Sparrow

**MC**: **200**, Kankakee Co, 5 Mar (JBH) – record spring high count for c. IL; 200, Carl.C, 22 Mar (DMK, MSS); 96, Edgar Co, 9 May (CAT, TLK); 75, LCal, 9 May (WJM, SBB, MLB); 70, Linc.P, 3 May (GAW).

*European Goldfinch. Lincoln Park, Cook County. 26 May 2009. Photos by Steve Spitzer.*

### Eurasian Tree Sparrow

**MC**: 12, L&D #16 (Rock Island Co), 16 Mar (SMF); 5, HL, 7 May (KAM). **Others**: 21 May (4), Chau. (KAM, MSS); 21 May, Schuyler Co (KAM, MSS); 21 May, Meredosia NWR (Morgan Co) (KAM, MSS); 24 May (2), Two Rivers NWR (Calhoun Co) (DMK).

## EXOTICS

### European Greenfinch

9-10 May, Montrose H (PP, GAW).

### European Goldfinch

23 & 28 May (gray-headed morph), Montrose H (GAW); 26 May, Linc. P. (SGS:ph).

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